

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



MSNBC: [Trump admin using race to 'distract' from dismal start: NAACP CEO blasts diversity events pause](#)

VIDEO: The Defense Intelligence Agency has paused all diversity events and activities related to women and minorities. NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson joins José Díaz-Balart to share his initial reaction to the move.

Bloomberg: [Trump Attacks DEI Programs at FAA Following Midair Collision](#)

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USA Today: [Advocates call out Trump for linking DEI to deadly plane crash: 'It's offensive.'](#)

Separately, Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, criticized Trump for what he called “unpresidential, divisive behavior.” “The president

has made his decision to put politics over people abundantly clear as he uses the highest office in the land to sow hatred rooted in falsehoods instead of providing us with the leadership we need and deserve," Johnson said.

NBC News: [Trump sparks outcry with implication that DEI policies are at fault in D.C. midair collision](#)

In a statement to NBC News, NAACP President Derrick Johnson said Trump used the news conference to play politics, adding that he was "disgusted" by the president's words.

The Hill: [CBC blasts Trump's DEI comments after Potomac plane crash](#)

Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP, said Thursday he was "disgusted" by Trump's "display of unpresidential, divisive behavior." "We're proud to see thousands of first responders in the DMV region unify to support the enormous recovery efforts taking place on the Potomac," Johnson said.

The Latin Times: [Trump Admin Orders Government Employees to Snitch on Secret Diversity Initiatives: 'We're Really Freaked Out'](#)

In response, the NAACP has pointed to data showing companies in the top quartile for ethnic and cultural diversity are 36% more profitable than those in the bottom quartile. "His appalling executive order will only worsen America's racial hierarchy and benefit the oligarch class. This executive order threatens public services that benefit all Americans," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a [press release](#).

ABC7: [NAACP hosts resource fair for Eaton Fire victims as new lawsuits against SCE emerge](#)

Last Thursday, the NAACP hosted a resource fair in Pasadena to help people navigate the recovery process. Many Altadena residents were able to get information on FEMA resources, insurance claim assistance and legal options from a local law firm.

WCSC: [NAACP sues SC over law restricting race, gender discussions in public schools](#)

A federal lawsuit was filed Tuesday against the state of South Carolina, challenging a law that plaintiffs argue suppresses critical teaching on race and gender-related issues in public schools. The lawsuit, filed by the South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP and author Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, targets a provision in the 2024-2025 state budget,

known as the “Partisanship Curriculum” section.

Daily Princetonian: [A legacy of Black women’s leadership in Princeton’s NAACP chapter](#)

The NAACP Princeton chapter is set to recommence programming this spring after a period of inactivity, with 36 members and an official executive committee, according to Middlebrooks. Her revival of the chapter aims to honor generations of Black women that paved the way for the NAACP.

Virginia Mercury: [Federal judge allows NAACP lawsuit over Confederate school names to proceed](#)

The battle over Confederate school names in Shenandoah County is moving forward in court after a federal judge on Friday denied the school board’s motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the Virginia NAACP and five students.

CBS News: [Suspect sought in shooting of NAACP’s branch office in Fort Lauderdale](#)

Authorities are searching for a suspect after [gunshots](#) struck a [NAACP](#) branch office in [Fort Lauderdale](#) late Monday night. According to Fort Lauderdale police, officers responded to reports of shots fired around 11 p.m. in the 1100 block of NW 6th Street. Witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots, and bullet holes were later found in the windows on the north and east sides of the NAACP office.

WECT: [‘We are not going back; We are all in’ : NHC NAACP MLK Breakfast event honors the civil rights activist](#)

The New Hanover County NAACP hosted their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast event on Saturday morning. The event is a way for the community to recognize the impacts of Dr. King’s civil rights movement.

Arkansas Times: [Arkansas NAACP denounces Walmart’s DEI changes](#)

On Thursday, the Arkansas State Conference of the NAACP released a statement that denounces Walmart’s DEI changes as well as the retailer’s responses to questions it received from members of the Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus during their video conference call Monday.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Opposes Nomination for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to Lead Dept. of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [NAACP Files Amicus Brief in Michigan Suit Seeking to Restrict Access to Upscale Community](#)
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EATON FIRE TOWN HALL AND RESOURCE FAIR



Fires continue to impact communities in and around Los Angeles, making access to recovery information more critical than ever. Next week, two events will connect fire survivors with essential resources to help them rebuild.

Event: [Eaton Fire Virtual Town Hall](#)

When: Tuesday, February 4, at 5 p.m. PT

Watch Online: Via Zoom — [Register here.](#)

Get your questions answered by local leaders and experienced attorneys from the law firm Singleton Schreiber.

Event: [Eaton Fire Resource Fair](#)

When: Thursday, February 6, from 6 — 9 p.m. PT

In Person: New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church, 855 N Orange Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

Join NAACP and recovery organizations for support on housing, insurance claims, litigation updates, and more. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)

Your safety and recovery matter. If you or someone you know is affected by the wildfires, explore the [LA Wildfire Relief Resources](#) for

critical information on protecting your health, property, and the environment. Share these resources with those in need.

116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION

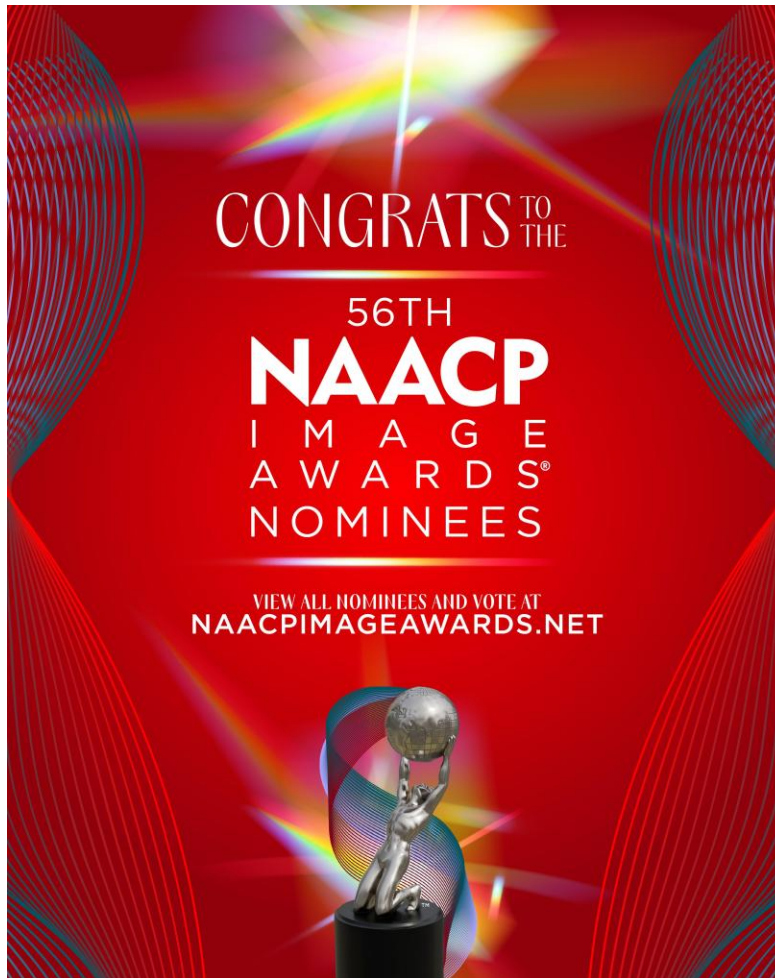


Mark your calendars for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#), taking place from **July 12–16, 2025**, in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. This is a pivotal opportunity to confront the challenges of our time, celebrate Black brilliance, and unite for the critical work ahead.

As we prepare for this defining moment, we'll be sharing updates on registration, programming, and the powerful voices joining us in Charlotte. Your dedication to justice and equity makes all the difference, and we can't wait to come together to amplify our impact.

[Stay tuned for more details](#), and thank you for your continued support as we drive progress and build a brighter future.

56TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



The nominees for the [56th NAACP Image Awards](#) have been announced, celebrating outstanding achievements in film, television, music, literature, and beyond.

Voting is NOW OPEN at www.naacpimageawards.net until **next Friday, February 7, 2025, at midnight (ET)**. Explore the categories and cast your vote today.

Don't miss the **LIVE TV Special** airing **Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET/PT** on BET and CBS, as we honor Black excellence and transformative storytelling.

Stay connected with us on Instagram [@NAACPImageAwards](#) for updates and join us in celebrating the brilliance of our community.

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KEEP ADVANCING



Change is on the agenda for 2025. New leaders took office this month across the country. Climate change continues and no one knows what the economy will look like from one month to the next.

We know the only constant is change. The Black Panthers showed us the power of community and taking care of our own. And our legacy has equipped us with what we need to make it through what feels like unprecedented times.

The path to our ultimate goal - an equitable future for all - isn't a straight line. There will be peaks of great progress and pits of setbacks. **But we keep advancing.**

The fight wasn't done when we secured the Civil Rights Act in 1964 or the Voting Rights Act in 1965. We kept fighting and advancing. Though we've helped elect candidates who look like us, the fight isn't done. We have more work to do...

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