

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**AP:** [Kamala Harris receives prestigious Chairman's prize at NAACP Image Awards](#)

Former Vice President [Kamala Harris](#) stepped on the [NAACP Image Awards](#) stage Saturday night with a sobering message, calling the civil rights organization a pillar of the Black community and urging people to stay resilient and hold onto their faith during the tenure of [President Donald Trump](#).

**Newsweek:** [NAACP, AFT Leaders: Trump's Plans Put America's Children Last | Opinion](#)

The NAACP was founded in 1909 in response to widespread lynchings. And throughout our 116 years of existence, we have fought tirelessly to end all forms of racism and ensure a federal standard that would prevent such atrocities against our people in any state.

**Spectrum News 1:** [As DEI conversations ramp up, Hollywood braces for the impact](#)

VIDEO: “The future of Hollywood is going to be like the past in Hollywood, which is to a large extent dependent on our cultural contribution,” said Kyle Bowser, Senior Vice President of the NAACP Hollywood Bureau.

**Reuters:** [Keke Palmer wins entertainer of the year at NAACP Image Awards](#)

“It’s so important that we come here together and celebrate one another,” Palmer said, accepting the award in Los Angeles. “Nobody has uplifted me more than you, all the people in this room.”

**MSNBC:** [Kamala Harris receives a hero’s welcome, alludes to Trump in NAACP speech](#)

*After winning the NAACP’s Chairman’s Award over the weekend, Harris delivered an uplifting speech about fighting the “shadows” over our democracy.*

**BET:** [2025 NAACP Image Awards: ‘Sing Sing’ and 5 Past ‘Outstanding Independent Motion Picture’ Winners Worth Watching](#)

With Sing Sing taking home the top honor, here are five past winners of Outstanding Independent Motion Picture that deserve a spot on your watchlist.

**ABC News:** [Marlon, Damon Wayans shout out brother Keenen at NAACP Image Awards](#)

The [Wayans family](#) members are officially NAACP Image Awards inductees. The legendary family of filmmakers and comedians were inducted into the [NAACP Image Awards](#) Hall of Fame on Saturday, where they gave a [heartfelt speech](#) to the audience, which included a shout-out to their brother Keenen Wayans.

**Forbes:** [2025 NAACP Image Awards: ‘Six Triple Eight’ Wins Big - Complete Winners List](#)

Earlier in the week, *The Six Triple Eight* won the NAACP Image Awards for Best Motion Picture Ensemble, while *Ebony Obsidian* for Outstanding Supporting Actress and Outstanding Breakthrough Performance for the film.

**USA Today:** [Kamala Harris speaks on ‘shadows gathering over our](#)

[democracy' at NAACP Image Awards](#)

[Former Vice President Kamala Harris](#) urged viewers not to “surrender to cynicism and destruction” on Saturday as she was honored at the 2025 [NAACP Image Awards](#).

**Vogue:** [The Best Looks From the 2025 NAACP Image Awards](#)

Shortly before the grand event kicked off, of course, the red carpet was a fashion spectacle. Celebrities hit the step and repeat in their most elegant evening attire — ranging from couture gowns to slick suits.

**PEOPLE Magazine:** [NAACP Image Awards 2025: See the Complete Winners List](#)

The NAACP gave special honors to several trailblazers across industries: [Kamala Harris](#) received the Chairman’s Award, [Dave Chappelle](#) earned the President’s Award, and the [Wayans family](#) were inducted into the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame.

**FOX2:** [STL City NAACP feels ‘concern’ after racial complaint dismissal in schools](#)

Pruitt and the NAACP filed complaints in August 2024, citing pervasive inequities in academic proficiency, resource allocation, disciplinary practices and mental health support for Black students across 35 school districts.

**Beaumont Enterprise:** [Local NAACP says need for organization persists today](#)

The situation involving Beaumont’s police chief search gives a modern example for why the NAACP’s presence is still necessary today, Evans said.

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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Did You Miss the 56th NAACP Image Awards? We’ve Got You Covered.](#)
- [Picturing Excellence: Scenes from the 56th NAACP Image Awards](#)

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## BLACK CONSUMER ADVISORY



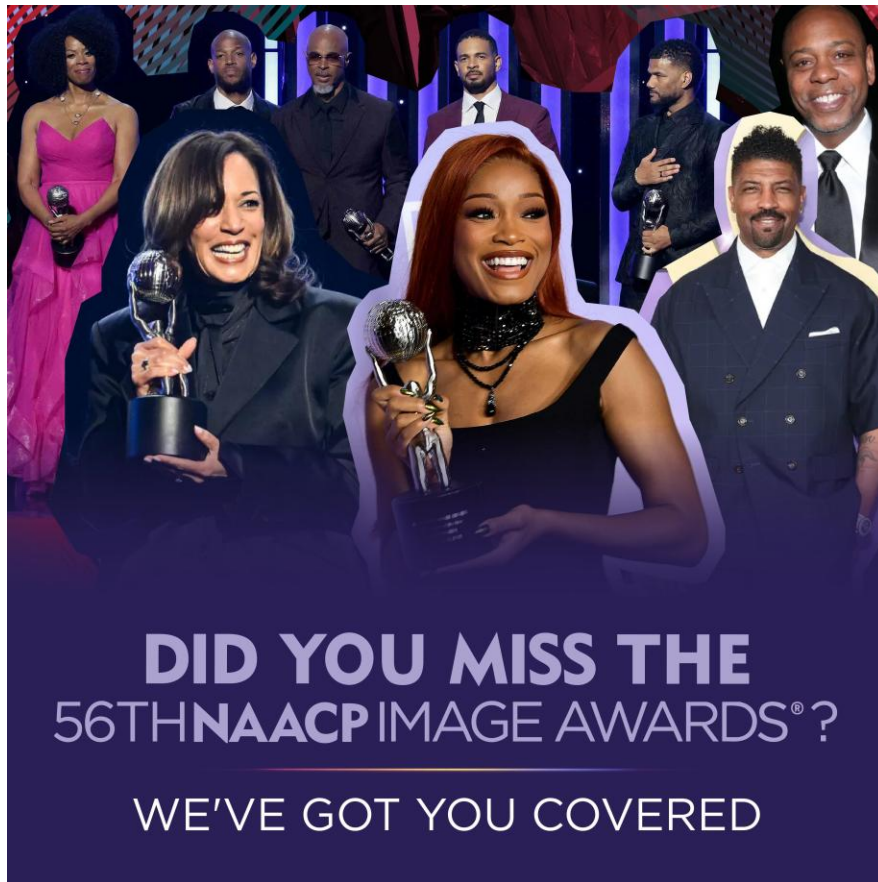
As corporations roll back their DEI commitments, the NAACP is taking action. They can't profit off Black consumers while abandoning us. We've issued a [Black Consumer Advisory](#) to highlight which companies support us and which don't. With **nearly \$2 trillion in spending power**, our dollars must drive equity and justice.

[Visit our website to read the full advisory](#) and [sign the Black Consumer Pledge](#) to spend intentionally, demand accountability, support Black businesses, and stay informed.

Sign the Pledge

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**BEST MOMENTS FROM THE IMAGE AWARDS**



The [56th NAACP Image Awards](#) was a night to remember! From powerful tributes to unforgettable speeches, we honored the brilliance of our community in a way only we can. [Stream the full replay here](#) to experience it if you missed the show on Saturday.

Here are some of the standout moments:

- **A Tribute to the Eaton Fire Survivors** – Morris Chestnut and Ledisi honored the families who lost their homes, reminding us that in times of tragedy, we stand together.
- **Former Vice President Kamala Harris accepts the Chairman’s Award** – The former Vice President called on us to stay vigilant, declaring, “Our strength flows from our faith.”
- **The Wayans Family inducted into the Hall of Fame** – Damon and Marlon honored their brother Keenen Ivory Wayans for paving the way in comedy.
- **Dave Chappelle receives the President’s Award** – In a powerful speech, Chappelle reminded us, “Community is everything.”
- **Keke Palmer named Entertainer of the Year** – With 20 years in the game, she paid tribute to the culture that uplifted her.

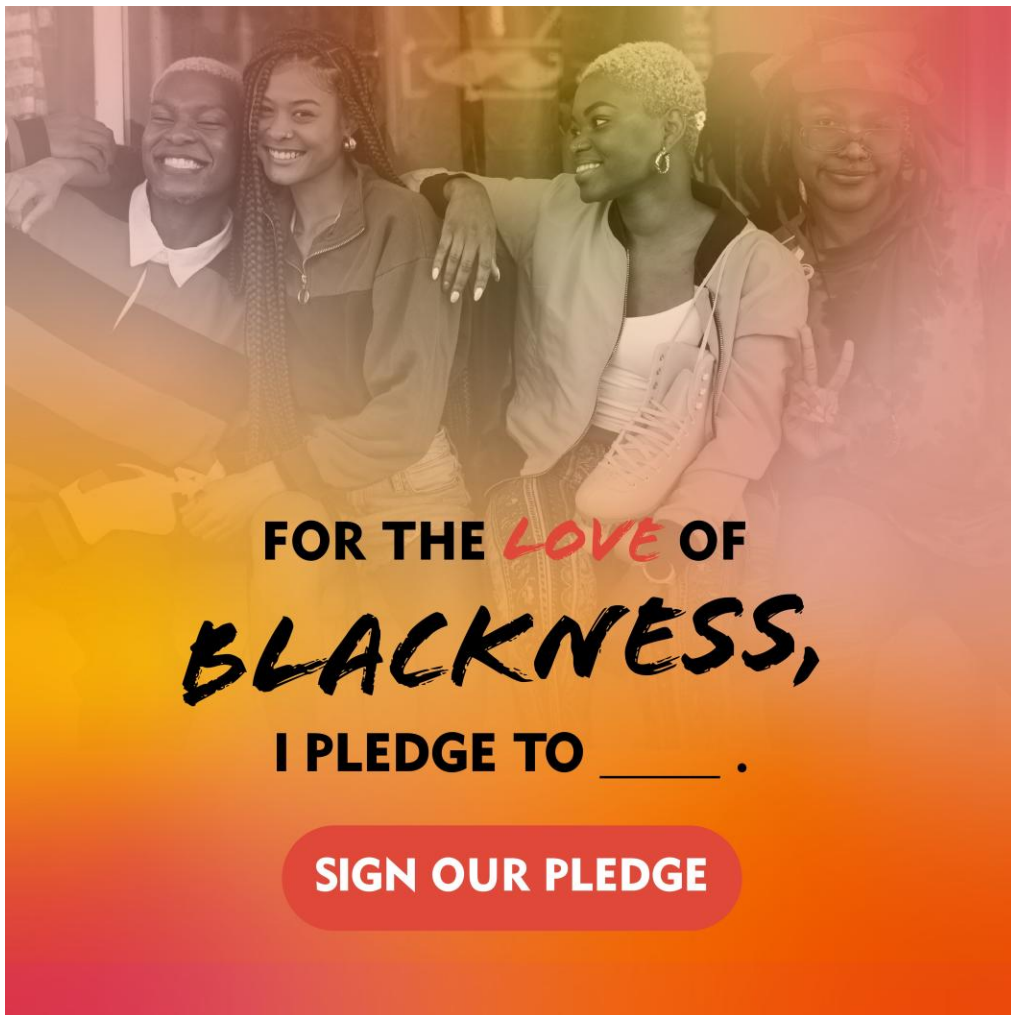


- **Deon Cole’s unmatched hosting** – From hilarious monologues to a comedic prayer, he had the audience laughing all night.

Follow us on Instagram [@NAACPImageAwards](#) to relive the magic, and [visit our website to read more](#).

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## FOR THE LOVE OF BLACKNESS



Black History Month is a call to honor our ancestors’ legacy by continuing the fight for justice, equity, and opportunity. Despite attempts to erase our history, we will keep pushing forward and advancing progress.

That’s why we’re asking you to take action. Sign “[For the Love of Blackness: A Pledge to Advance](#)” — a commitment to stay informed, get involved, and uplift Black communities. Whether it’s supporting Black-owned

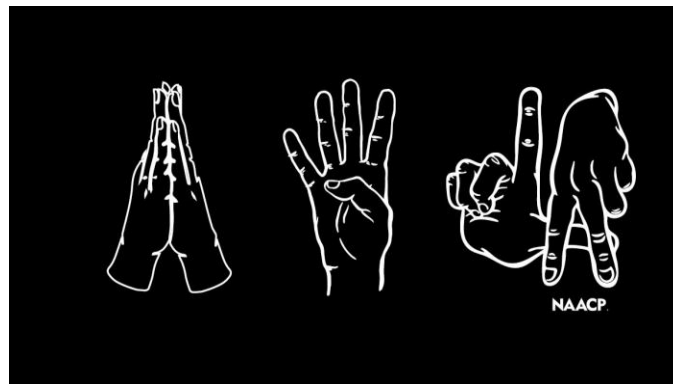
businesses, advocating for policy reform, or championing education and health equity, every action matters.

[Sign our pledge today](#) and share it with your network. Tag **@NAACP** on social media and use the hashtag **#ForTheLoveOfBlackness** to let us know what you're committing to this year.

**Sign Our Pledge**

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## PRAY FOR LA



With so much devastation and uncertainty across Los Angeles and the surrounding areas for those impacted by last month's wildfires, blame can never be the first response. We do as we have done time and time again in the face of adversity.

We pray for those essential workers risking their lives and for those families who lost loved ones.

We plan for those who have been misplaced and have lost their homes and belongings.

And we prepare for the future where we help rebuild our communities together.

Above all, we keep advancing together.

**Your safety and recovery matter. If you or someone you know is**

affected by the wildfires, explore the resources in our [LA Wildfire Relief Resources](#) and share them with those in need.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:** Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch the [Eaton Fire Resource Fair and Town Hall](#), where NAACP, in partnership with the law firm Singleton Schreiber addressed the aftermath of the Eaton Fire and provided those impacted with the tools and resources needed to rebuild and recover.

[Watch Town Hall](#)

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## 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.

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