

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



NBC: [NAACP president calls Linda McMahon 'wholly unqualified' to lead the Education Department](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson slammed McMahon after her Senate confirmation vote, saying today was “another dark day in America.” “Linda McMahon is wholly unqualified to lead American education, but — like Elon Musk — was handpicked by Donald Trump because she has a net worth in the billions and will always kiss the ring,” Johnson said in a statement. “Our democracy is on life support, and we need to start acting like it.”

AXIOS: [Linda McMahon confirmed to lead Education Department](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson said McMahon’s confirmation “brings us one step closer to losing our Department of Education—the agency that not only funds public schools, but advocates for our teachers and enforces essential civil rights laws.

ABC News: [WWE co-founder Linda McMahon confirmed as secretary of education](#)

Dozens of civil rights groups opposed McMahon's confirmation, including the NAACP. "This is an agency we cannot afford to dismantle," NAACP President Derrick Johnson wrote in a statement to ABC News.

Reuters: [Former NAACP President Hazel Dukes dies at 92](#)

Former NAACP President Hazel Dukes died at her home in New York City on Saturday at 92. "While she may have passed on, hers is a legacy that will outlive us all," NAACP leaders said in a joint statement.

The New York Times: [Hazel N. Dukes, Longtime Civil Rights Stalwart, Dies at 92](#)

She was president of the national NAACP in the early 1990s and headed the organization's New York State Conference from 1977 until her death.

USA Today: [Hazel Dukes, civil rights advocate and NAACP leader, dies at 92](#)

Hazel Dukes, a prominent civil rights advocate and president of the NAACP New York State Conference, died Saturday. She was 92.

ABC News: [Lifelong New York civil rights advocate, NAACP leader Hazel Dukes dies at 92](#)

Hazel Dukes, the president of the New York State chapter of the NAACP and lifelong civil rights advocate, died Saturday at the age of 92.

KSTP-TV: [NAACP lists Target in advisory to Black consumers after DEI rollback](#)

The NAACP advised Black consumers to "spend intentionally" and hold businesses like Minneapolis-based Target accountable for discontinuing diversity, equity and inclusion policies.

BET: [2025 NAACP Image Awards: 3 of the Funniest 'Abbott Elementary' Episodes Written by Quinta Brunson](#)

At the 56th Annual NAACP Image Awards, hosted by Deon Cole, the "Abbott Elementary" creator and star took home Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series.

ABC7: [Fairfax NAACP condemns commutation of officer's sentence in Tysons Corner shooting](#)

The Fairfax NAACP is criticizing Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin's decision to commute the sentence of former Fairfax County police Sgt. Wesley Shifflett, who was convicted in the 2023 fatal shooting of Timothy McCree Johnson.

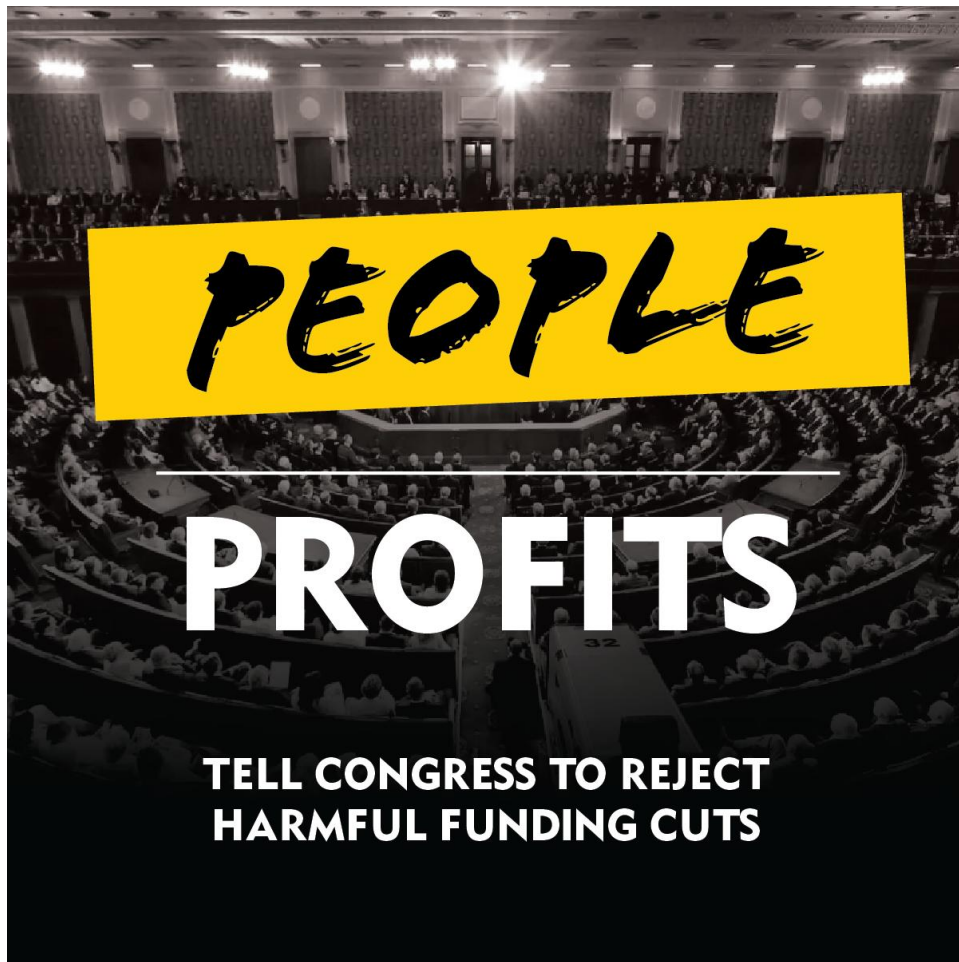
WECT News 6: [New Hanover NAACP addresses 'Letter of Concern for DEI' to Senator Michael Lee](#)

The New Hanover NAACP wrote a 'Letter of Concern for DEI' to Senator Lee begging for him to reconsider his abolition of DEI policies in schools. "It's not a race thing but all students, like those with disabilities, and with DEI eliminated in our public schools it would hinder our children's education and the assistance they receive," said LeRon Montgomery, President of the New Hanover NAACP.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Mourns the Passing of Decades-Long Leader & Trailblazing Icon Hazel N. Dukes](#)
- [NAACP and Civil Rights Leaders Sound the Alarm: The Perilous State Of Our Union](#)
- [NAACP Reacts to Trump's First Congressional Address of his Second Administration](#)
- [NAACP Prepares to Defend Students of Color Following Discriminatory Plans from Department of Education](#)
- [100 Days of Receipts: NAACP Edition](#)
- [When Black Women Speak, We Listen](#)

REJECT HARMFUL FUNDING CUTS



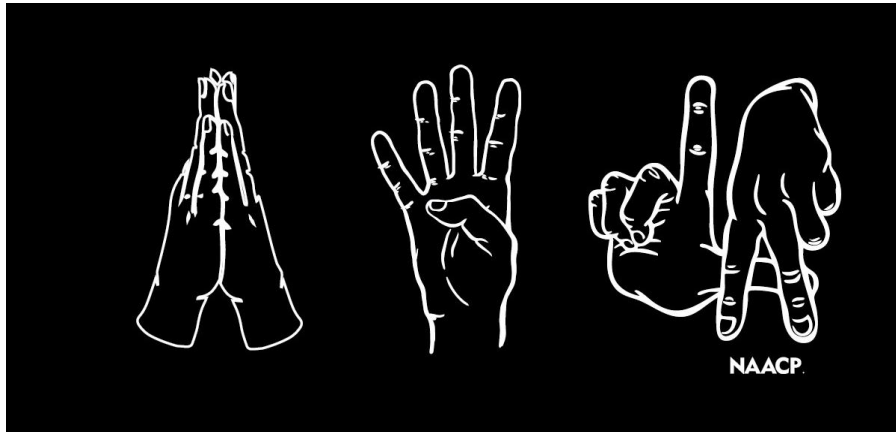
On Tuesday night, President Donald Trump painted a bleak picture of his agenda, one that threatens our economy, civil liberties, and social safety net programs. He promised to “balance the federal budget,” but his administration plans to do so by cutting Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits, all to benefit the wealthy.

This is an attack on working families, seniors, and those who have served our country. We must reject these harmful plans and demand funding that puts people over profits and protects all Americans.

[Tell Congress to reject the proposed government funding cuts.](#)

[Send a message to Congress](#)

PRAY FOR LA



As communities in California continue to recover and rebuild following the **Eaton Fire**, we want to highlight an important **March 10** deadline for disaster relief assistance.

Small Business Administration Disaster Loans – The deadline to apply for a home or business physical disaster loan is approaching fast. Even if you're unsure about accepting a loan, applying preserves your eligibility. You are not obligated to take the loan if approved, but you cannot apply after the deadline passes. A contractor quote is not required to apply. [Click here to apply.](#)

FEMA Disaster Assistance – The same March 10 deadline applies for FEMA disaster assistance, which provides home repairs, temporary housing, and property damage assistance. If you or someone you know needs support, there's still time to apply. [Click here to apply.](#)

For additional recovery resources, including **housing assistance, financial aid, and community resources**, visit [NAACP's LA Wildfire Relief Resources.](#)

Visit FEMA's Disaster Recovery Office for in-person assistance. The office is open **Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.** at **540 W. Woodbury Rd., Altadena, CA 91001.**

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

INSPIRE INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



**INSPIRE INITIATIVES
SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

Funding is available for exceptional students interested in STEM, marketing, communications, art, and more.

APPLY: MARCH 3-APRIL 11, 2025

**Scholarship recipients will be announced in the Summer of 2025*

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We're proud to announce that applications for [NAACP's Inspire Initiatives Scholarships](https://naacp.org/scholarships) are now open! These opportunities are designed to support Black students and students of color in achieving their academic and career goals.

Apply now through April 11, 2025.

This year's scholarships include:

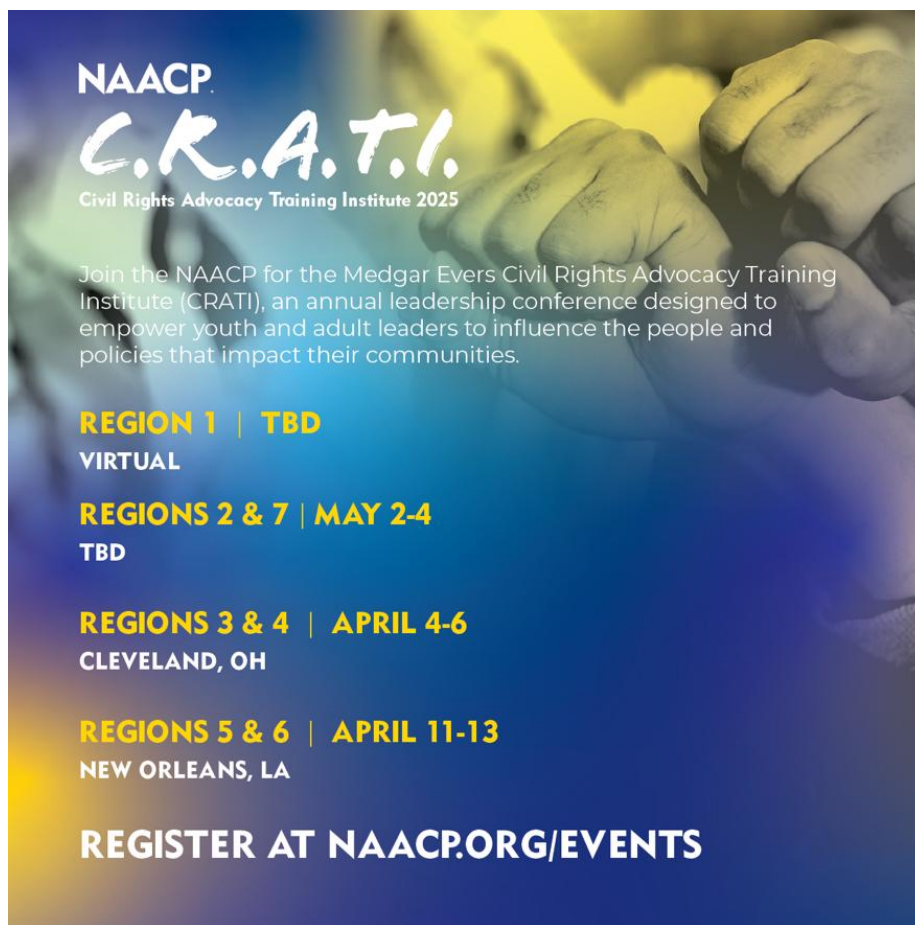
- [Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)
- [Building Beautiful Futures Scholarship Powered by Dark & Lovely](#)
- [Empowering a Better Tomorrow Scholarship Powered by Walmart](#)

- [James Weldon Johnson Scholarship](#)
- [Hubertus W. V. Willems Scholarship](#)
- [The Ed Dwight Scholarship](#)
- [The NAACP x Society Awards Scholarship](#)
- [The Dearmont-Dyas Scholarship](#)

Visit naacp.org/scholarships to learn more.

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CRATI

The graphic features a background of hands clasped together in a fist, symbolizing solidarity. The text is overlaid on a blue and yellow gradient. The NAACP logo is at the top left, followed by 'C.R.A.T.I.' in a large, white, handwritten-style font. Below that, 'Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute 2025' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The main body of text describes the event as an annual leadership conference. Four regional options are listed in yellow and white text, each with its respective dates and location. At the bottom, a registration link is provided in white text.

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Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute 2025

Join the NAACP for the Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI), an annual leadership conference designed to empower youth and adult leaders to influence the people and policies that impact their communities.

REGION 1 | TBD
VIRTUAL

REGIONS 2 & 7 | MAY 2-4
TBD

REGIONS 3 & 4 | APRIL 4-6
CLEVELAND, OH

REGIONS 5 & 6 | APRIL 11-13
NEW ORLEANS, LA

REGISTER AT NAACP.ORG/EVENTS

The [Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute \(CRATI\)](#) returns this spring.

This annual leadership conference is designed to equip volunteer youth and adult leaders with the tools to drive meaningful change in their communities.

Regional training sessions will focus on political advocacy, community organizing, coalition building, and more, while strengthening NAACP units through executive leadership and volunteer management training. Join us as we continue the fight for diversity, inclusion, and democracy in 2025 and beyond.

[Learn More](#)

116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



The schedule for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#) is now available. Mark your calendars to join us **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.

[Stay tuned for more details](#) on convention registration and programming. Thank you for your continued support as we drive progress and build a brighter future.

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