

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**AP News:** [PHOTO COLLECTION: Bloody Sunday Commemoration](#)  
U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-NY, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson and NAACP President Derrick Johnson, from left, march across the Edmund Pettus bridge during the 60th anniversary of the march to ensure that African Americans could exercise their constitutional right to vote, Sunday, March 9, 2025, in Selma, Ala.

**Montgomery Advertiser:** [Bloody Sunday: Selma marchers return 60 years later for 'ongoing fight'](#)

"We are in an ongoing fight," said Derrick Johnson, the president and CEO of the NAACP. He told the audience members they must stay fired up during President Donald Trump's term.

**Senate.gov:** [WATCH: Gillibrand Delivers Floor Speech Honoring Dr. Hazel Dukes](#)

Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand delivered a speech on the Senate

floor to honor Dr. Hazel Dukes, longtime president of the NAACP New York State Conference and former national president of the NAACP, who passed away earlier this month.

**New York Daily News:** [Politicos give NAACP leader Hazel Dukes rousing sendoff at packed Harlem funeral](#)

Dukes, who died March 1, was the national president of the NAACP from 1989 to 1992. She was also president of the organization's New York State conference from 1977 until her death. One by one, speakers paid tribute, recalling stories of courage and leadership. "She and I have gone to jail together, and to the White House together," the Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, said before entering the service. "We are here to salute someone who is the glue to civil rights in New York."

**ABC 7 New York:** [Mourners Remember Hazel Dukes, Civil Rights Icon and Former NAACP NY President, at Funeral Service](#)

Community members came together to remember the legacy of civil rights icon Dr. Hazel Nell Dukes during her celebration of life service. From everyday New Yorkers to prominent political leaders, a long line of mourners poured into the Mother Zion AME Church in Harlem for Dukes' funeral.

**NPR:** [The Education Department is being cut in half. Here's what's being lost](#)

"That will have very negative effects on communities around the country that currently don't really even understand that their child's [special education], or the supports that they receive for their child, are directly connected to the U.S. Department of Education," says Patrice Willoughby, Chief of Policy and Legislative Affairs at the NAACP.

**News Nation Now:** [VIDEO: 'Sigh of Relief' Dr. Weldon will not lead CDC: Dr. Pernell](#)

VIDEO: The White House on Thursday pulled Dr. David Weldon's nomination to direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Chris Pernell from the NAACP Center for Health Equity joins "NewsNation Now" and notes that while it is a "relief" Weldon will not lead the CDC, the United States "must drum the beat very loudly around accountability of all of public health."

**WQAD News 8:** [NAACP holds listening forum in Rock Island](#)

VIDEO: The event involved discussions on community concerns after the

first few weeks of the Trump administration.

**WXXV:** [Biloxi NAACP hosting political forum next week](#)

Next week, the Biloxi NAACP is hosting a political forum for the upcoming municipal election. Voters are encouraged to head to the Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center at 6 p.m. on March 18th

**CBS Sacramento:** [NAACP calls for action after racist Elk Grove school handout](#)

The Sacramento NAACP is calling for several actions to be taken after an Elk Grove middle school teacher used racist handouts during a lesson.

**Fox 61:** [Greater Hartford NAACP launches independent review into fatal police-involved shooting](#)

Following the fatal police-involved shooting of 21-year-old Hartford resident William Bowen on March 6, the Greater Hartford NAACP is launching an independent review.

**WDAM 7:** [NAACP files motion to amend state's proposed Senate, House redistricting plan](#)

The association filed a motion Monday, challenging a new plan by the Legislature to re-draw several House and Senate districts. This is a part of an ongoing lawsuit alleging the state limited black voting power in certain areas.

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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Condemns Mass Layoffs at the Department of Education](#)
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## HONORING DR. HAZEL N. DUKES



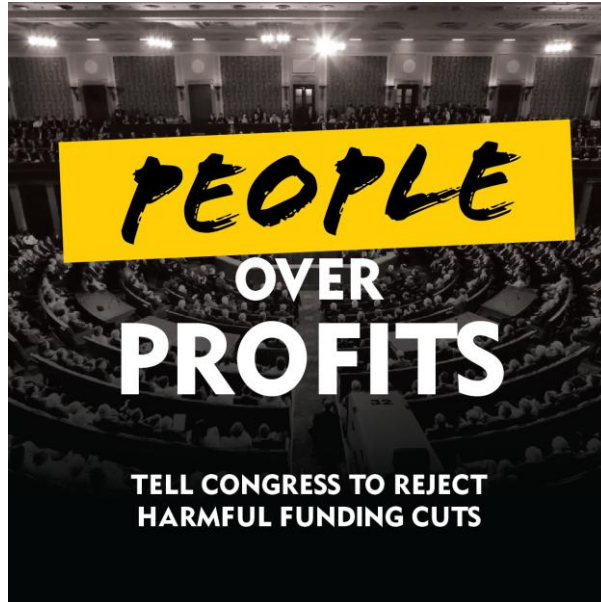
As an outspoken advocate for voting rights, economic development, fair housing, and quality education for all, Dr. Hazel N. Dukes often gifted life memberships to help advance the work and impact of the Association.

The Dr. Hazel N. Dukes Memorial membership drive honors the life of an esteemed advocate and NAACP champion. Starting your membership today honors the work and contributions of a dedicated member, leader, and legend: [naacp.org/join](https://naacp.org/join).

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## REJECT HARMFUL FUNDING CUTS



Right now, senators are considering cuts to the federal budget. These cuts could impact social safety programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and veterans benefits. This is an attack on working families, seniors, and those who have served our country. But our fight doesn't end here. We will keep advancing. **Share this email with five friends to stay informed.**

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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.

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## INSPIRE INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



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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:

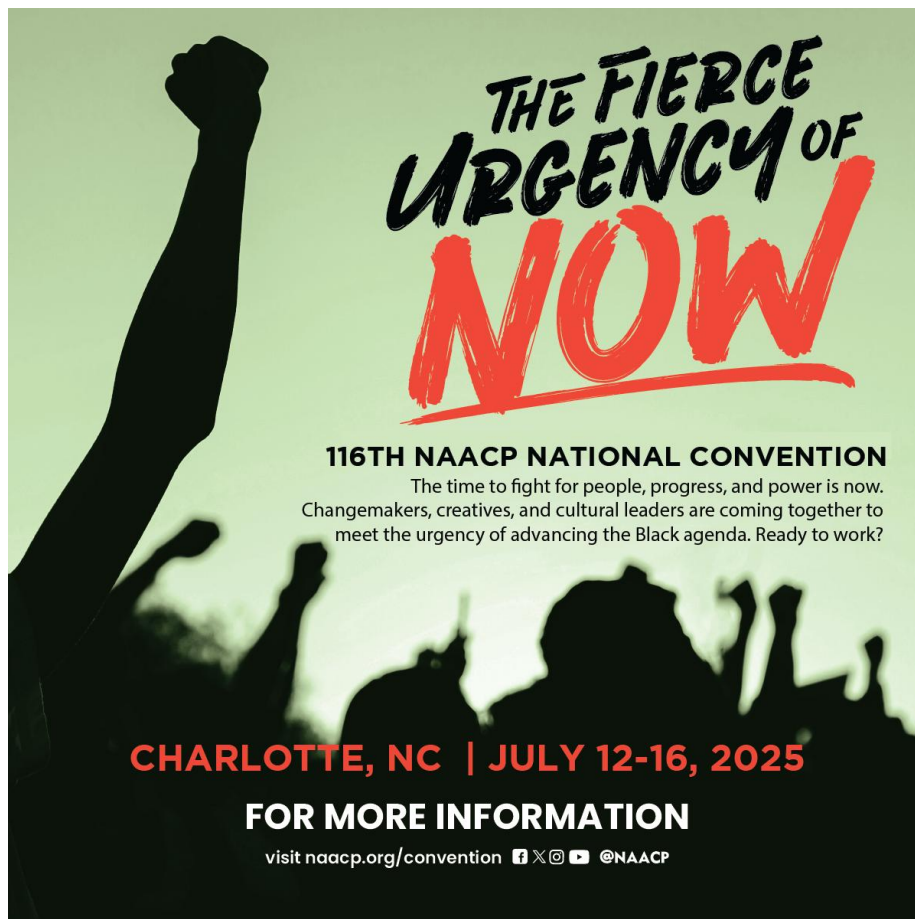
- [Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)
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- [James Weldon Johnson Scholarship](#)
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## 116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



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.

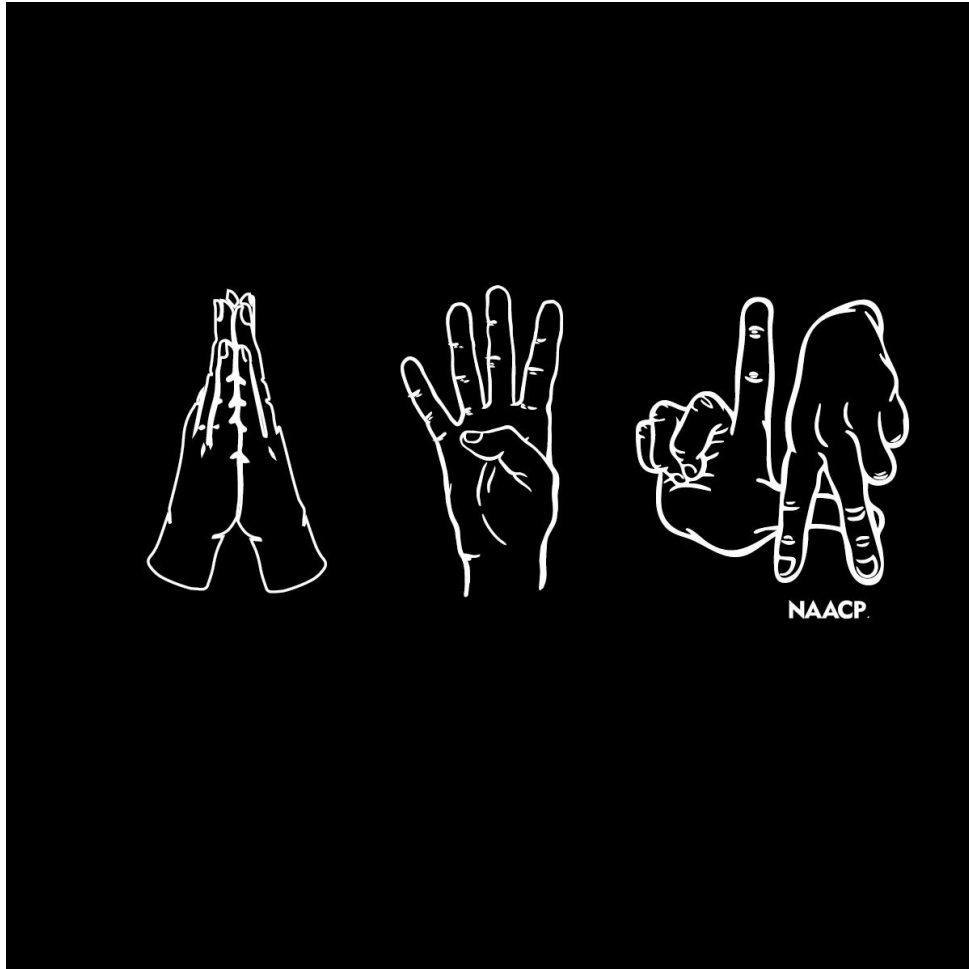
[Stay tuned for more details](#) on convention registration and programming. Thank you for your continued support as we drive progress and build a



brighter future.

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## PRAY FOR LA



As communities in California continue to recover and rebuild following the **Eaton Fire**, we want to highlight an important **March 31** 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 31 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.**

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