

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**The New York Times:** [Trump Ordered the Shutdown of the Education Department](#)

Education leaders and advocacy groups have condemned the move. “This is a dark day for the millions of American children who depend on federal funding for a quality education,” said Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP.

**NBC News:** [Trump signs executive order to dismantle the Education Department](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson called the order “unconstitutional,” adding that “the rule of law doesn’t seem to matter” to Trump.

**The Hill:** [NAACP president: Trump ‘deliberately dismantling the basic](#)

### functions of our democracy'

Derrick Johnson, the president and CEO of the NAACP, said he believes President Trump is “deliberately dismantling the basic functions” of U.S. democracy.

### **Time Magazine:** Trump Orders a Plan to Dismantle the Education Department While Keeping Some Core Functions

“This is a dark day for the millions of American children who depend on federal funding for a quality education, including those in poor and rural communities with parents who voted for Trump,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said.

### **Reuters:** Trump to sign order to shut down Department of Education, White House says

The NAACP, a leading civil rights group, also blasted the expected order as unconstitutional. “This is a dark day for the millions of American children who depend on federal funding for a quality education, including those in poor and rural communities with parents who voted for Trump,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement.

### **The 19th:** Trump expected to sign executive order dismantling the Department of Education

Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP, which has advocated for civil rights in education today and historically — most notably in the landmark Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education, which led to the desegregation of public schools — said the executive order calling for the Department of Education’s dismantling is unconstitutional.

### **ABC9:** Columbus NAACP urges mayor to support probe into council actions

The Columbus branch of the NAACP is calling for an investigation into potential violation of Georgia’s Open Meeting Act surrounding the appointment of Anker to the city council.

### **NBC News:** NAACP president says Trump’s attempt to dismantle the Education Department marks ‘a dark day’

NAACP President Derrick Johnson criticized Trump’s plans to try to dismantle the Department of Education, saying in a statement that Trump is “deliberately dismantling the basic functions of our democracy, one piece at a time.”

**Wilmington Star News:** [Watch Brunswick's NAACP president on water quality for Black residents](#)

Residents have teamed up with EarthRights International to advocate for water access in historically Black areas of Brunswick.

**WAVY:** [Virginia Beach NAACP 'deeply disturbed' by reports of racial harassment at Kellam High School](#)

In a letter sent out to the community on Thursday, a Kellam High School student allegedly received racist harassment from a group of other students at the school. The Virginia Beach NAACP stated they were “deeply disturbed” by the news.

**KXAN Austin:** [US Rep. Al Green speaks in Austin at NAACP advocacy day](#)

Just two weeks after getting [kicked out of the U.S. House chambers](#) during President Donald Trump's address to Congress, U.S. Rep Al Green, D-Houston, spoke to supporters at a Texas NAACP advocacy day event.

**WSB-TV Atlanta:** [Metro Atlanta activists react to Trump's repeal of segregated facilities ban in federal contracts](#)

The repeal means the federal government does not have to prohibit contractors from allowing segregated workspaces. “Never thought I'd see a headline like that,” Georgia NAACP President, Gerald Griggs told Channel 2's Audrey Washington on Wednesday.

**WECT:** [NAACP to hold public input meeting on sports complex in Wilmington](#)

The New Hanover County NAACP is holding a session every 4-6 weeks for the public to give feedback on the 20-acre sports complex.

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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Deplores Department of Education Executive Order Signed by Trump, Set to Dismantle Federal Education Programs](#)
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## HONORING DR. HAZEL N. DUKES



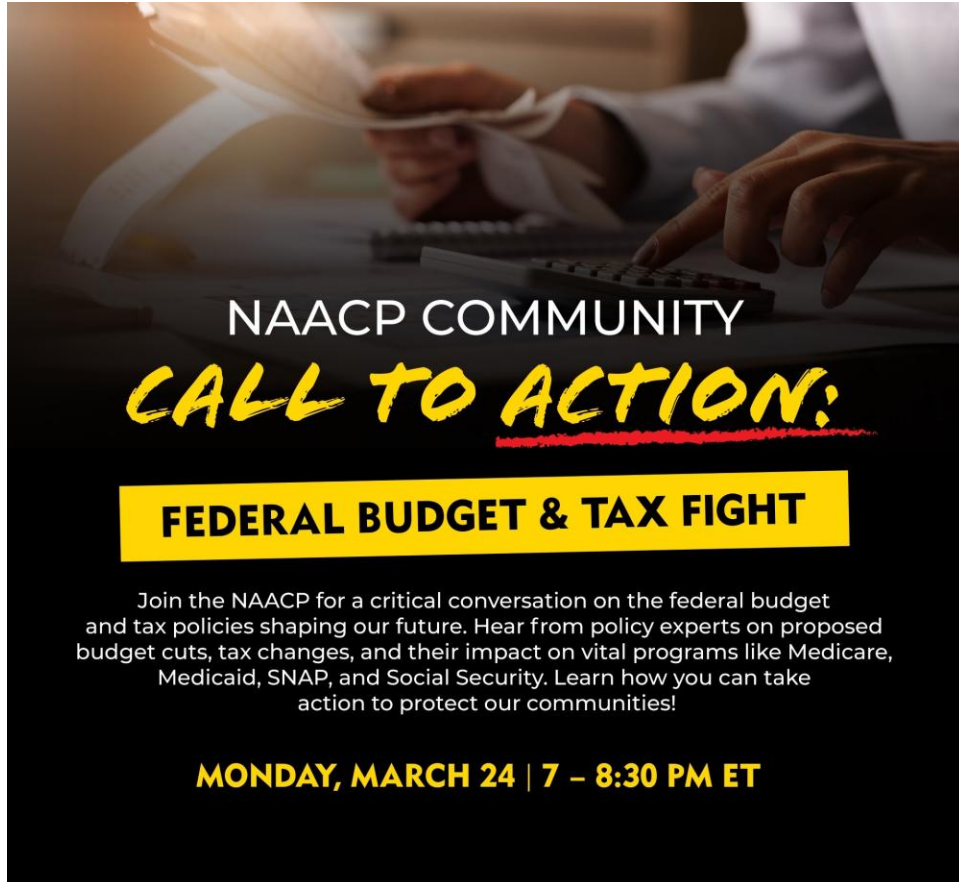
As an outspoken advocate for voting rights, economic development, fair housing, and quality education for all, Dr. Hazel N. Dukes often gifted life memberships to help advance the work and impact of the Association.

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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## FEDERAL BUDGET & TAX FIGHT



NAACP COMMUNITY  
**CALL TO ACTION:**

**FEDERAL BUDGET & TAX FIGHT**

Join the NAACP for a critical conversation on the federal budget and tax policies shaping our future. Hear from policy experts on proposed budget cuts, tax changes, and their impact on vital programs like Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and Social Security. Learn how you can take action to protect our communities!

**MONDAY, MARCH 24 | 7 – 8:30 PM ET**

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The government funding bill that Congress just passed jeopardizes social safety net programs like Social Security and veterans benefits to hand tax cuts to the rich. This is an attack on working families, seniors, and those who have served our country.

[Join the NAACP](#) virtually on Monday, March 24, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. ET for an urgent community call to action as we break down the federal budget and tax policies that will shape our future.

We must fight to protect healthcare, education, economic security, and environmental justice. [RSVP now to secure your spot.](#)

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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 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:

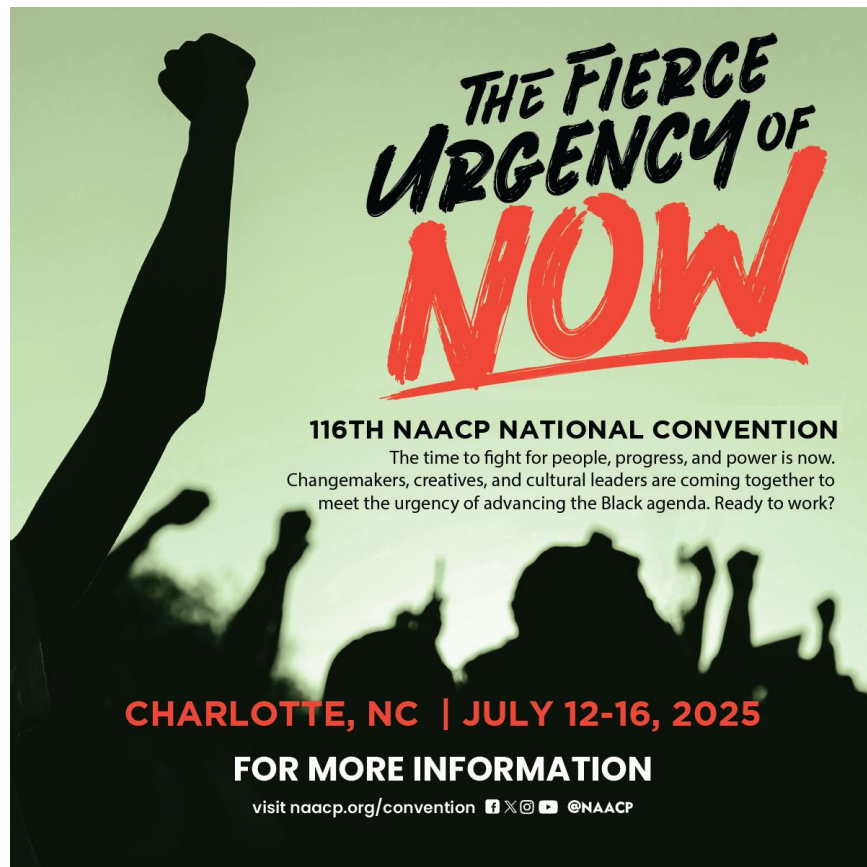
- [Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)
- [Building Beautiful Futures Scholarship Powered by Dark & Lovely](#)
- [Empowering a Better Tomorrow Scholarship Powered by Walmart](#)
- [James Weldon Johnson Scholarship](#)
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## 116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



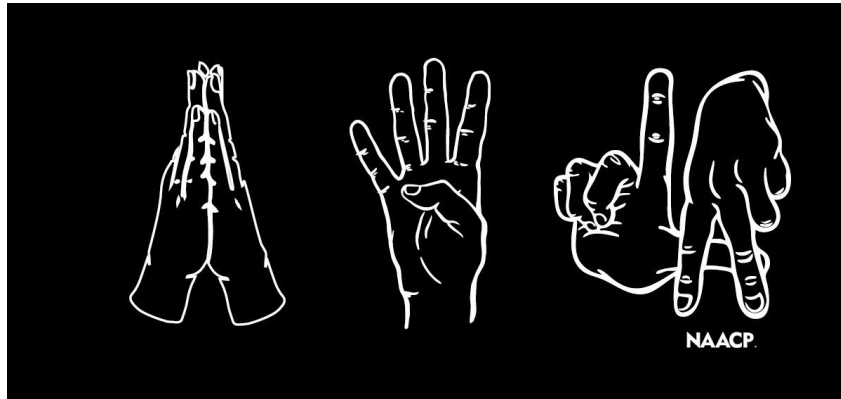
The schedule for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#) is now available. Mark your calendars to join us **July 12–16, 2025**, in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. This is a pivotal opportunity to confront the challenges of our time, celebrate Black brilliance, and unite for the critical work ahead.

[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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