

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



AXIOS: [“State of the People Tour” seeks to energize Black communities](#)

“Political outcomes are the result of community building,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson told Axios. “And sometimes we conflate political transactions with movement work.”

Billboard: [Ice-T Presents Snoop Dogg With Entrepreneur of the Year Award & More 2025 Webby Awards Highlights](#)

Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett accepted the advocate of the year Webby Award, presented by NAACP President Derrick Johnson, recognizing her use of platforms to drive national conversations, mobilize communities, and champion the rights of marginalized groups across the Internet and beyond.

Black Enterprise: [From One OG To Another: Ice-T Honors Snoop Dogg With A Webby Award For ‘Entrepreneur Of The Year’](#)

Presenters and attendees included Kenan Thompson, Justin Theroux,

Sean Evans, Peppermint, and NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson, who came to present Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett with the Advocate of the Year Webby Award.

Deadline: [Hollywood Climate Summit Sets Sixth Annual Edition](#)

Dustin Lance Black, Aru Shiney-Ajay (Executive Director, Sunrise Movement), Reverend Yearwood (Hip Hop Caucus), Steven Olikara (Founder, Bridge Entertainment Labs), Abre' Conner (Director of the Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, NAACP), explores how film and television can authentically capture the electric energy of mass mobilization.

Spectrum News: [New York state NAACP leader aims to leverage Black voices during legislative session](#)

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is America's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its long-time leader, 92-year-old Hazel Dukes, died in March after having an out-sized influence on national and state politics for close to 70 years.

The Detroit News (USA Today Network): [NAACP plans listening session to mobilize after Schurr mistrial](#)

The NAACP says the session is part of the organization's 'continued demand for accountability and structural change' and it will "include community testimony, legal context, and facilitated discussion aimed at building collective demands."

Macro Eagle (USA Today Network): ['Grave concerns': Florida NAACP hints at 'legal action' over FAMU presidential search](#)

The longtime president of the [NAACP's Florida State Conference](#) has penned a letter to state officials expressing "grave concerns" on "the integrity of the [Presidential Search Process at Florida A&M University](#)" and that she's willing to "take all appropriate advocacy and legal actions."

11Alive: [Rep. Greene calls for Derek Chauvin pardon, Georgia NAACP calls idea 'a disgrace'](#)

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene posted Wednesday her support for the ex-Minneapolis officer who was convicted of murder in George Floyd's death.

KHOU11: [Rep. Greene calls for Derek Chauvin pardon, Georgia NAACP calls idea 'a disgrace'](#)

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on Wednesday called for a pardon of Derek Chauvin, the ex-Minneapolis officer convicted of murder in George Floyd's death, with the [Georgia NAACP responding](#) and calling the sentiments a "grave misunderstanding of justice and accountability."

Bloomberg Law: [NAACP Sues Over Trump's Halt on Funds to Desegregate Schools](#)

The NAACP and other civil rights groups sued the US Department of Education over President Donald Trump's decision to end a congressionally authorized grant program to desegregate US public schools.

Star Tribune: [After a couple of false claims, child at center of racist video now identified, says Rochester NAACP](#)

After a pair of false leads, the Rochester chapter of the NAACP says it now believes police have correctly identified the family of a child who was [shouted at with racist slurs](#) at a local park.

The Atlanta Voice: [BREAKING: Georgia NAACP, Kennesaw State students, and faculty call university to the carpet, plan protest](#)

The Georgia NAACP is planning a protest of [Kennesaw State University's decision to drop Black Studies](#) from the school's program list. The protest is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, and will take place outside of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia office at [270 Washington Street in downtown Atlanta](#).

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Patients, Health Care Providers, and Civil Rights Organizations Urge Shareholders at Tenet Healthcare to Support Proposal on Maternal Health Transparency](#)
 - [NAACP Calls on FEMA to Uphold Protections for Black Communities](#)
 - [CBS RENEWS NEW HIT DAYTIME DRAMA "BEYOND THE GATES" FOR A SECOND SEASON](#)
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116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Registration is now open for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#). Secure your spot today and 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.

[Housing reservations are now open](#) through our official partner, Maritz. We encourage you to reserve your accommodations early for the best rates and availability. Hotel reservation deadlines begin **June 15, 2025**.

We're offering [special travel discounts](#) through Delta, United, and Southwest Airlines. And if you're flying to Charlotte, don't forget to make sure your ID is [REAL ID ready](#). Visit our website to learn more and plan your trip at naacp.org/convention.

[Cinematic Shorts Competition](#)

Six filmmakers will be selected to team up and create impactful short films on social justice issues like healthcare inequity, the climate crisis, and voting rights. Their work will premiere at Convention, where attendees will vote for the winning film.

The winners will receive a \$10K grant to produce a film with the NAACP Hollywood Bureau and NAACP+ Studios. Plus, all participants will be treated to an all-expenses-paid trip to the 57th NAACP Image Awards in Los Angeles. [Click here to learn more and apply by May 20.](#)

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

OUR CULTURE, OUR STORIES PODCAST



Step into the world of Black excellence, creativity, and activism with [Our Culture, Our Stories](#) — the official NAACP Image Awards Podcast Series. Bringing the spirit of the Image Awards all year round, this podcast is your go-to space for unfiltered, inspiring conversations with today's most influential actors, musicians, authors, activists, and civic leaders.

🎧 New Episode 🎧

🎧 [Ep. 9 - Aja Naomi King](#): Actress and storyteller **Aja Naomi King** gets real about identity, art, and staying true to your voice as a Black woman in Hollywood. From the power of sisterhood to breaking stereotypes, Aja shares the moments that shaped her and the purpose that fuels her work.

This episode is a love letter to women who choose truth, complexity, and wholeness, on and off the screen.

Watch & Listen: [Our Culture, Our Stories on the NAACP+ YouTube](#)

[channel.](#)

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BE IN THE BIZ



Meet us in New Orleans for [Be In the Biz!](#)

Looking to sharpen your storytelling skills and network with industry pros? Don't miss your chance to level up your storytelling game. This day-long symposium features Hollywood thought leaders in panel discussions, a keynote luncheon, and a networking reception.

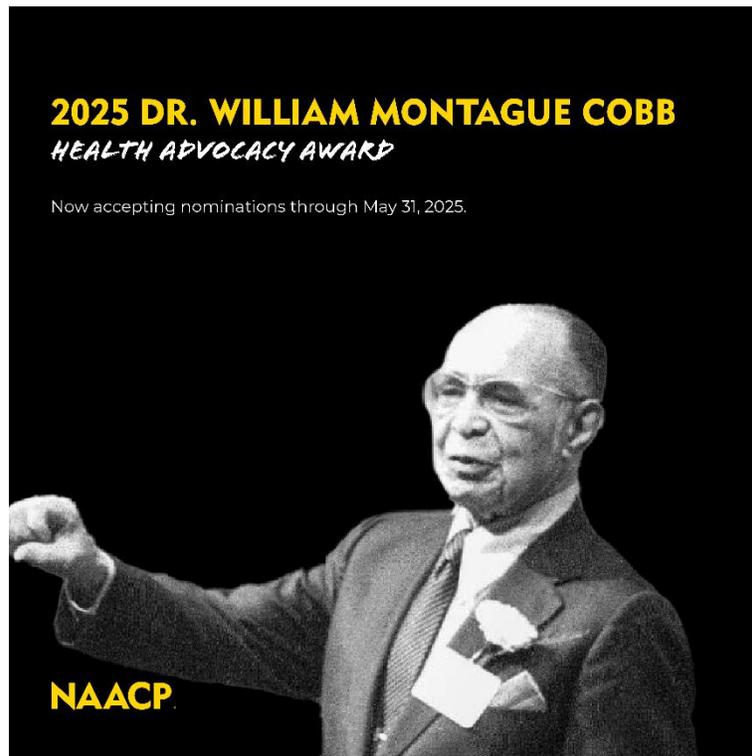
Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: StudioBE, 2941 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70117

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2025 DR. WILLIAM MONTAGUE COBB AWARD



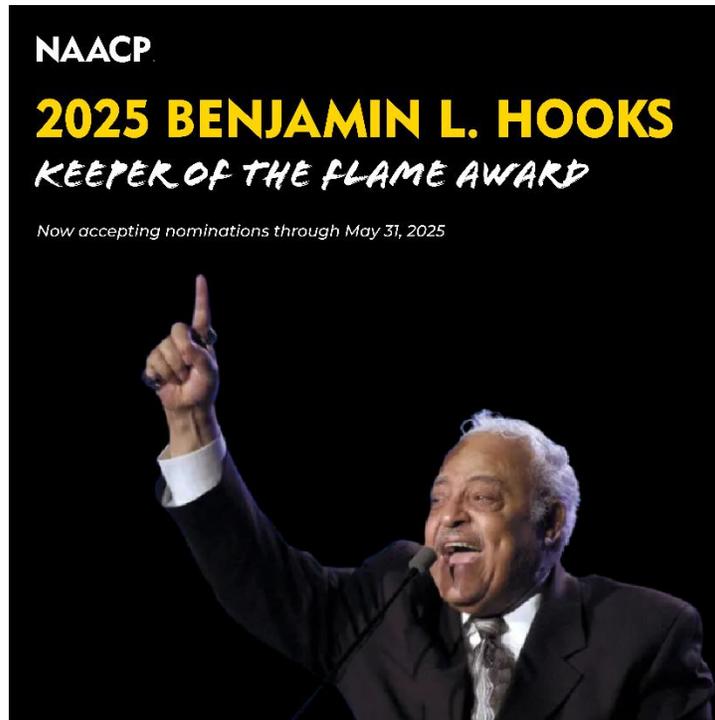
The Dr. William Montague Cobb Award was established to honor individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact in the field of health in recognition of the extraordinary social justice advocacy and legacy of Dr. William Montague Cobb, who served as the President of the NAACP from 1976 to 1983.

This award is presented annually to a national figure, state health committee chair, and/or local individual to recognize special achievements in Health and Social Justice Advocacy, Health Education and Promotion, and/or Health Fundraising and Research.

Submit your nominations to recognize the contributions of the trailblazers working toward health equity for Black people across the nation today by **May 31, 2025**.

[Submit Now](#)

2025 BENJAMIN L. HOOKS “KEEPER OF THE FLAME” AWARD



The Keeper of the Flame Award was established in 1992 in honor of the late Benjamin Lawson Hooks, the fifth Executive Director of the NAACP (1977-1992). This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional service in advancing the objectives of the NAACP and the labor movement.

Submit your nominations to recognize the contributions of the trailblazers leading racial equity efforts in the labor movement by **May 31, 2025**.

[Submit Now](#)

CLIMATE IN COLOR

A vertical poster with a colorful background transitioning from orange at the top to green at the bottom. The text is centered and reads: "CLIMATE IN COLOR: Reframing our Future Short Film GRANT". Below this, it says "This exciting grant will give a winning filmmaker the opportunity to produce a short film addressing environmental climate justice issues impacting Black communities that highlights some innovation for the future." The deadline is "DEADLINE: MAY 23, 2025" with submission times "8:59 PM (PT)/11:59 PM (ET)". At the bottom, it says "FOR SUBMISSION DETAILS, VISIT NAACP.ORG".

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The NAACP is inviting aspiring filmmakers to reimagine climate justice through film. The [**Climate in Color: Reframing Our Future Short Film Grant**](#) will fund the creation of one short film, which can be narrative or documentary, that explores environmental challenges and solutions within Black communities.

Stories must reflect one of four key themes: zero emissions, energy democracy, sustainable communities, or the right to a toxic-free environment.

The selected filmmaker will receive funding, equipment, and mentorship to bring their project to life. The completed film will debut during New York Climate Week in September and be featured at the Hollywood Climate Summit.

[**Visit our website to learn more and apply by May 23, 2025.**](#)

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