

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**WBTV:** [Hitting the road with the NAACP Chairman](#)

Leon Russell is chair of the civil rights organization's Board of Directors joins Dedrick Russell in Driving with Dedrick.

**FOX57:** ['It's unconstitutional': NAACP challenges South Carolina curriculum censorship](#)

The NAACP is challenging a provision in South Carolina's state budget in federal court, arguing it censors educational content in classrooms. The legal action follows the statewide removal of an Advanced Placement African American Studies course and the censorship of books by Black authors.

**Dayton Daily News:** [NAACP hosting a federal and state budget perspective town hall Monday](#)

The Dayton Branch of the NAACP is hosting a town hall titled "Informative Perspectives on the 2025 Federal and State Budgets"

Monday.

**WLOX:** [NAACP Gulfport Branch holds first-ever town hall meeting, hearing concerns of community members](#)

Tuesday evening, the NAACP Gulfport Branch held its first-ever town hall meeting at the Isaiah Fredericks Community Center, inviting members of government to hear the concerns of community members. Many topics were discussed, such as housing affordability, homelessness, distribution of city funds and much more.

**Patch:** [Trump Attacks On GMU Equity Policies Assault On Public Education: NAACP](#)

NAACP representatives and DEI advocates called recent investigations by the Trump Administration and U.S. Department of Justice into alleged racial discrimination at George Mason University an attack on public education.

**CBS2:** [Spokane NAACP names first-ever Executive Director in 106-year history](#)

The Spokane NAACP has hired Dr. Melissa Mace as the branch's first-ever executive director.

**FirstAlert4:** [NAACP, St. Louis Task Force partner to help those impacted by tornado](#)

The NAACP wants an investigation into claims that insurance companies are reducing or denying insurance coverage to churches impacted by the storm. The chair of the task force said they are concerned that the way churches are being treated by insurance companies could be a litmus test for how residents will be treated.

**The News-Gazette:** [NAACP Champaign County branch president recognized as Crime Fighter of the Year](#)

Minnie Pearson, president of the NAACP Champaign County branch and 2025's Crime Fighter of the Year, says that her connection with local law enforcement surprises people.

**Ocala StarBanner (USA Today Network):** [NAACP local branch hosting Education Day on Aug. 2 in Ocala](#)

The local branch of the NAACP is hosting an Education Day on Aug. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Howard Academy Community Center, 306 NW Seventh Ave., Ocala. There will be information, giveaways, backpacks,

a fire truck, face painting and light refreshments.

**Los Angeles Sentinel:** [California-Hawaii NAACP Wins Top National Awards](#)

The NAACP California-Hawaii State Conference received three national honors at the 116th NAACP National Convention held last week in North Carolina, recognizing the group's leadership in civil rights advocacy and community outreach.

**WLIO:** [Lima NAACP awards scholarships to three local students](#)

The Lima NAACP awarded scholarships to three local students Saturday, marking the 12th year the organization has supported students pursuing higher education. Recipients were selected based on personal essays, academic performance, and commitment to their goals.

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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Supports Reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act \(JLVRAA\) to Congress](#)

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