

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



NBC News: [Body of a Black student is found hanging from a tree in Mississippi](#)

The NAACP on Tuesday expressed skepticism of the possibility Reed died by suicide in such a manner. “You’d have to excuse our skepticism amidst growing racially motivated violence targeted at our communities across this nation,” the country’s oldest civil rights group said Tuesday on Instagram in [a post](#) with a picture that read, “A man was lynched yesterday.”

NewsNation: [Family of student found hanging from tree hires Ben Crump](#)

“The image of a Black man hanging from a tree cannot be separated from our history of racial terror. Our people have not historically hung ourselves, and labeling this death ‘no foul play’ risks ignoring the truth,” Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO, said in a statement to NewsNation. “In a time of rising racially motivated violence, the NAACP calls

for a full, transparent investigation. This is not an isolated tragedy — it reflects a centuries-long pattern of violence and erasure that Black communities continue to face,” he added.

Teen Vogue: [What Happened to Trey Reed? Delta State University Student Found Hanged From a Tree.](#)

Demartravion “Trey” Reed, 21, was found hanged from a tree on September 15. Mississippi politicians and the NAACP are calling for further investigation.

ABC16: [NAACP president addresses HBCU threats](#)

That’s why students say it mattered that NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson — a Tougaloo alum — returned to campus this week. Johnson has led the nation’s oldest civil rights organization since 2017 and has spent decades fighting for equality and justice.

11Alive: [NAACP ‘deeply disturbed’ by rope found near GSU; calls on school leaders to investigate](#)

The Georgia NAACP is “deeply disturbed” after a rope was found hanging from a tree near Georgia State and is asking for the campus to investigate.

ABC16: [Medical examiner releases autopsy results in Delta State student hanging death](#)

The NAACP released a statement Thursday saying in part, “While initial reports offered no evidence of ‘foul play’, you’d have to excuse our skepticism amidst growing racially motivated violence targeted at our communities across this nation. So while we await more formal autopsy reports and information, we offer this piece of history with a level of certainty: Our people have not historically hung ourselves from trees.”

Delta News: [NAACP statement on Trey Reed death at DSU](#)

The National NAACP Thursday released a statement on the death of Trey Reed at the DSU campus.

The Mirror: [NAACP condemn ‘lynching’ as black student found hanging from a tree in Mississippi](#)

The NAACP shared a picture on Instagram saying “A man was lynched yesterday.”

The State Journal-Register: [Sangamon County sheriff joins NAACP to promote fairness in policing](#)

The principles, developed by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP State Conference, emphasize valuing life, rejecting discrimination, encouraging diversity, supporting community partnerships and ensuring safety through accountability and respect, according to a community announcement.

CBS13: [Virginia Beach NAACP to Hold Meeting on 10-to-1 Voting System](#)

The Virginia Beach NAACP will host a meeting at Poolside Cooking on Holland Road at 6

p.m. to discuss the 10-to-1 system and inform voters.

FOX5: [Noose at APEX Museum sparks outrage, NAACP response](#)

The Georgia NAACP condemned the act as a symbol of racial terror, calling for swift accountability. The discovery comes amid heightened racial tensions in the South, including threats at HBCUs and a student death under review in Mississippi.

FOX5: [Noose-like rope found outside Atlanta's APEX Museum](#)

A video showing what appears to be a noose hanging from a tree outside Atlanta's first Black history museum has gone viral, prompting outrage and a police investigation.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Submissions for the 57th NAACP Image Awards Are Now Open](#)
- [NAACP Issues Letter Opposing Project Marvel Data Center in Alabama, Growing Concerns for Environmental Harm in the Region](#)

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FROM COMMUNITY TO THE HILL:

DESIGNING AI FOR BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

AI and machine learning are transforming healthcare with faster diagnoses, personalized care, and new efficiencies—but equity must lead the way.

Join From Community to The Hill: Designing AI for Better Health Outcomes to hear the launch of the ACE Your Health AI Task Force and White Paper, outlining an equity-first framework for AI in healthcare.

Experts will unpack AI's impact, address community concerns, and share how these tools already improve access and outcomes, from early detection to more equitable health systems.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025; 4:15 PM
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While artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are reshaping healthcare, equity must always be at the forefront.

Join us on September 25 in Washington, D.C., for [a special event and reception](#) where we'll unveil the ACE Your Health Task Force and White Paper.

This event will explore AI's transformative potential, trends, and highlight solutions to ensure innovation serves historically marginalized communities and addresses their priorities.

Don't miss this critical conversation on building a healthier, more equitable future.

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VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR



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Virtual Career Fair

October 15, 2025 | 12–4 pm ET

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Job seekers: this one's for you!

The NAACP has joined forces with TalentAlly to host a [virtual career fair](#) on October 15.

Don't miss your chance to:



Connect 1:1 with recruiters.



Explore career opportunities in sales, marketing, business, government, healthcare, and more.



Take the next step toward leveling up your career goals.

The NAACP virtual job fair is open to everyone. [Learn more and register today.](#)

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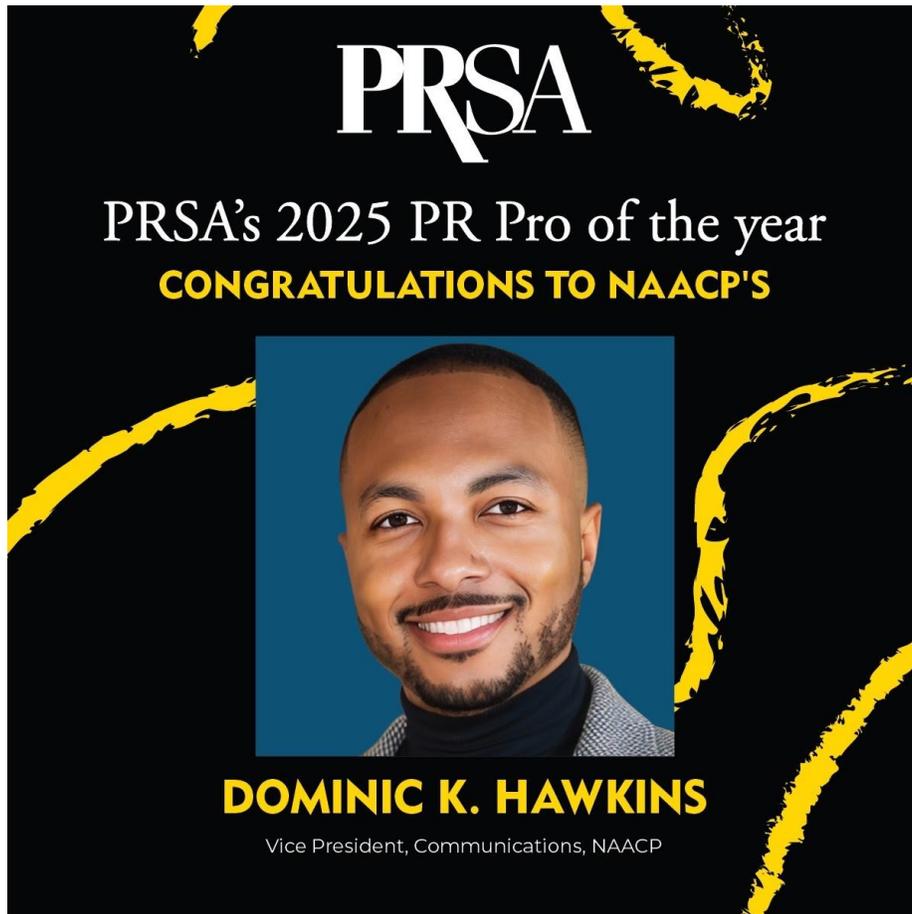
Join Aba Blankson, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer of the NAACP and [BLACKWEEK](#) Steering Committee member at this year's Forum + Festival.

BLACKWEEK is where innovation meets culture. This week-long event unites trailblazing minds and influential thought leaders from tech, marketing, media, entertainment, finance, art, and beyond. Over the course of a week, attendees will dive into immersive conversations and experiences that spotlight the cutting edge of culture and what's coming next.

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Congratulations to the NAACP's own Dominic Hawkins, recipient of [PRSA's PR Pro of the Year award!](#)

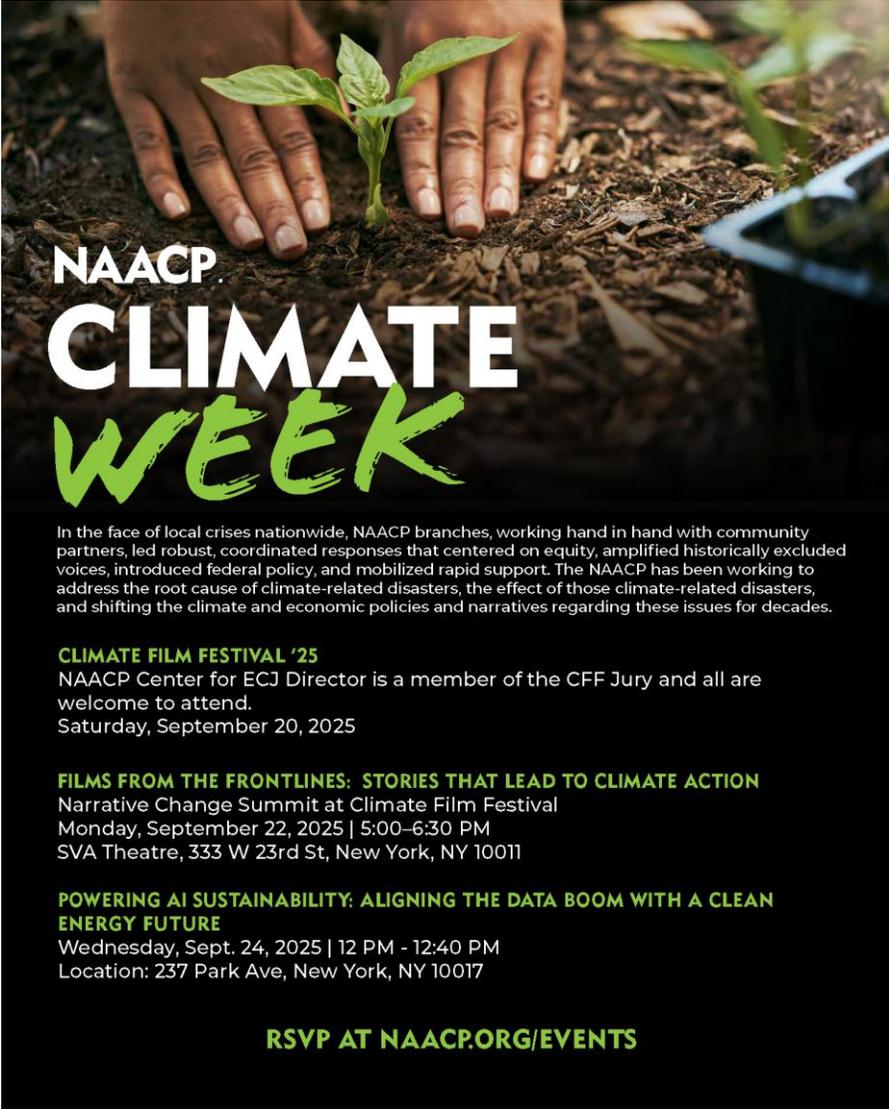
As Vice President of Communications, Dominic leads integrated marketing and communications efforts that drive forward civil rights objectives. His career spans impactful leadership roles in tech, public health, financial services, and social justice.

Known for his strategic brilliance, dedication to equity, and mentorship of emerging communicators, Dominic exemplifies the very best in public relations.

Please join us in celebrating this incredible achievement!

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CLIMATE WEEK



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In the face of local crises nationwide, NAACP branches, working hand in hand with community partners, led robust, coordinated responses that centered on equity, amplified historically excluded voices, introduced federal policy, and mobilized rapid support. The NAACP has been working to address the root cause of climate-related disasters, the effect of those climate-related disasters, and shifting the climate and economic policies and narratives regarding these issues for decades.

CLIMATE FILM FESTIVAL '25
NAACP Center for ECJ Director is a member of the CFF Jury and all are welcome to attend.
Saturday, September 20, 2025

FILMS FROM THE FRONTLINES: STORIES THAT LEAD TO CLIMATE ACTION
Narrative Change Summit at Climate Film Festival
Monday, September 22, 2025 | 5:00–6:30 PM
SVA Theatre, 333 W 23rd St, New York, NY 10011

POWERING AI SUSTAINABILITY: ALIGNING THE DATA BOOM WITH A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE
Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025 | 12 PM - 12:40 PM
Location: 237 Park Ave, New York, NY 10017

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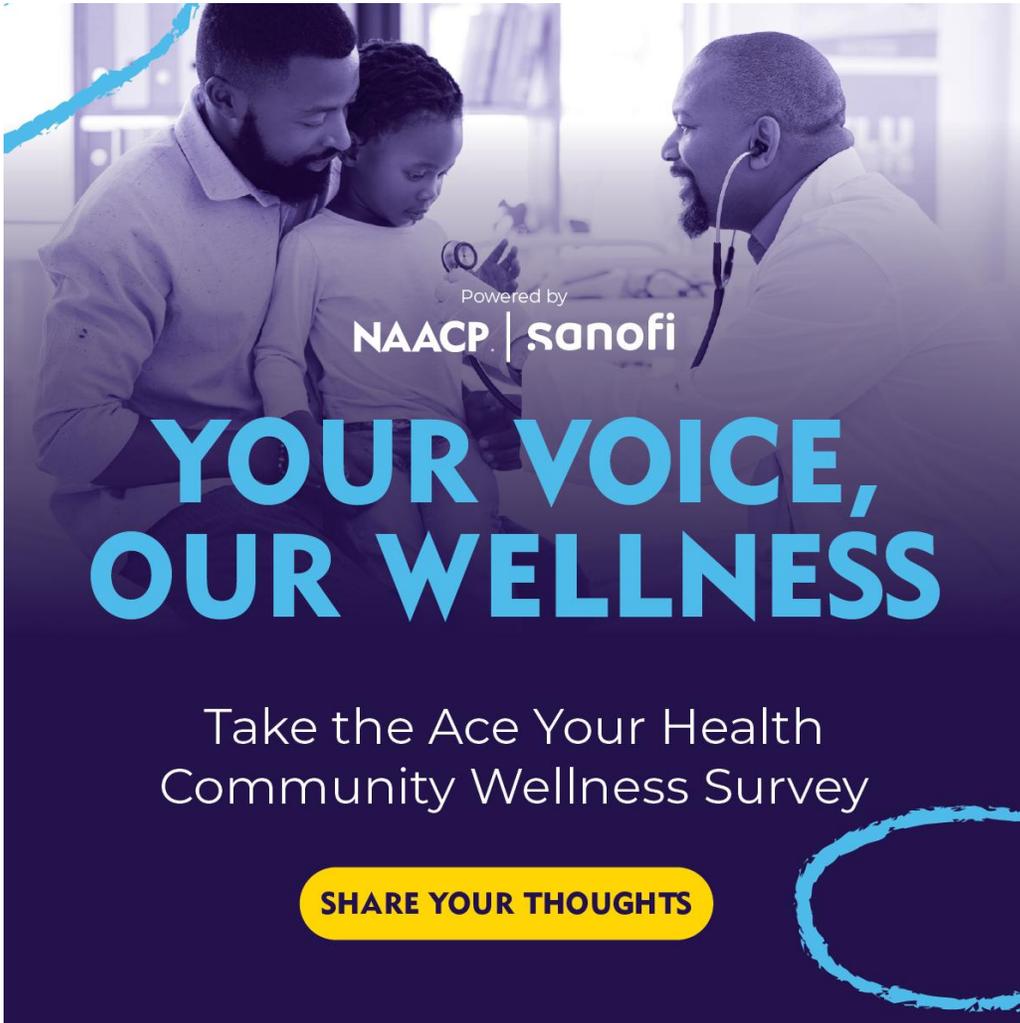
The NAACP is proud to participate in Climate Week 2025 to showcase our commitment to environmental justice and the fight against climate change.

This year, we'll be hosting several impactful events in New York City. By amplifying the voices of marginalized communities disproportionately affected by climate change, we continue to lead the charge for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

[Join us in taking action and making a difference during this pivotal week!](https://naacp.org/events)

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ACE YOUR HEALTH



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YOUR VOICE, OUR WELLNESS

Take the Ace Your Health
Community Wellness Survey

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We're in the final stretch. The [ACE Your Health Community Wellness Survey](#) closes at **midnight on Tuesday, September 30.**

For months, we've been gathering stories about the barriers our communities face, whether it's the cost of care, lack of access to essential services, or the daily stressors that impact overall health. Your voice matters in shaping the policies and resources that will respond to these challenges.

If you haven't yet, take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage friends and family to do the same. Together, we can turn lived experiences into real change.

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