

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



The Black Wall Street Times: [NAACP Announces AI-Focused Healthcare Initiative](#)

As Dr. Chris Pernel, Director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity, stated, “When Black, Brown, and underserved patients are missing from the data, they are missing from the solutions. Health AI must be built with dignity, transparency, and centered on the communities it’s meant to benefit.”

AOL: [‘Beyond the Gates’ Creator Reflects on ‘Impossible Dream’ Becoming Reality](#)

The Daytime Emmy-winning showrunner went on to thank those who helped bring the series to life, writing, “My deepest gratitude to CBS, NAACP, P&G, the writers, producers, directors, cast and crew of [Beyond The Gates](#).”

TheSignal: [NAACP honors scholarship recipients](#)

The Santa Clarita Valley chapter of the NAACP recently held its 2025 scholarship ceremony at the Valencia Northpark Clubhouse.

Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder: [NAACP 'Stop Dirty Data' conference probes data center effects](#)

“We recognize ... these AI data centers, that are hyper-scaled and are showing up in our communities, are nothing new when it comes to where they’re placing them and citing pollution,” said Abre’ Conner, director of the NAACP’s Center for Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ).

WIB: [NAACP Hosts Summit to Combat Negative Impacts of Data Centers](#)

As the construction of data centers expands— with more being built in Black, brown and low-income communities and harming the environments where they’re located — the NAACP hosted a summit from Dec. 12 to 13, with the goal of addressing growing environmental justice concerns and calling for greater transparency from policymakers and technology companies.

WPXI: [Allegheny County DA’s office to review case of teen’s controversial arrest, NAACP says](#)

Channel 11 told you about [questions swirling](#) after video circulated online showed police arresting a 17-year-old in late December. ... On Saturday night, the NAACP Pittsburgh Branch gave an update on the case, saying Chief Farally, at his solicitor’s advice, decided to hand it over to the DA’s office “for an external review and investigation with criminal charges being filed through the Pacfile Juvenile System.”

ABC17 News: [NAACP settles lawsuit with Missouri attorney general over vehicle stops report](#)

The NAACP [sued the attorney general’s office in May](#), alleging the office broke the law by not publishing the index in the yearly reports. The disparity index is a measure of how much drivers of a particular race or ethnicity are stopped compared to their white counterparts.

The Owensboro Times: [NAACP to host MLK observance and Freedom Fund banquet in January](#)

The Owensboro Branch of the NAACP will host two major events in January: an annual observance honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the organization’s signature fundraiser, the Freedom Fund Banquet.

WOLO: [Senator Cory Booker announced as keynote speaker for King Day at the Dome](#)

The South Carolina NAACP has announced that U.S. Senator Cory Booker will be the keynote speaker at King Day at the Dome. This year’s event will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026, in Columbia at the State House.

The Jersey Bee: [“Read with NAACP” planned with NAACP-Oranges and Maplewood Jan. 10](#)

“Read with NAACP” planned with NAACP-Oranges and Maplewood on Jan. 10 in East Orange. It is from 2-4 p.m. at 21 S. Arlington Ave. and will feature local authors. Free admission. [Registration is required.](#)

57TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



Get ready to celebrate Black excellence! The [57th NAACP Image Awards](#) will air live on BET on Saturday, February 28, 2026, with the hilarious Deon Cole returning as host. Join us as we honor the artists, storytellers, and visionaries shaping culture across film, TV, music, and literature. Nominees drop on January 8. [Stay tuned for more details and voting opportunities.](#)

Mark Your Calendars

117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



The [117th NAACP National Convention](#) is heading to Chicago! From July 18–22, 2026, join us and thousands of leaders in a city defined by resilience and creativity to help build pathways to justice. This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and celebrate Black excellence. Keep an eye out for important updates on registration, speakers, accommodations, and more.

Stay Tuned

BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE



AI is transforming healthcare, and the NAACP, in collaboration with Sanofi, brought together leading experts to examine how these tools can improve care, from predicting illness to supporting faster diagnoses and expanding access in historically under-resourced communities.

Through our [ACE Your Health initiative](#) and a [new first-of-its-kind white paper](#), we're outlining how to ensure AI in healthcare is fair, transparent, and accountable. Explore the findings and join us in shaping a future where innovation strengthens health equity for all.

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