

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



The Hill: [The cost of AI is being dumped on you](#)

By Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP

The hidden cost of AI is right in front of us. Big Tech is building sprawling AI data centers in our backyards, and they're making you pay for it. To make matters worse, these dirty data centers often pollute the air with asthma and cancer-causing chemicals. That means families are paying twice: once with their wallets and again with their health.

Times Recorder (USA Today Network): ['ICE out!' protest planned Jan. 8 in Zanesville after fatal shooting](#)

"What happened in Minneapolis is devastating and unacceptable," said Kyle Johnson, event organizer and president of the local NAACP chapter, in a community announcement. "I am asking for our community to gather peacefully – to stand in solidarity, to grieve a life lost, and to demand accountability. Silence is violence."

Bay Journal: [Virginia gas plant moves ahead despite community objections](#)

“This may not be the initial outcome that we would like to see,” said Nicole Martin, president of the NAACP Chesterfield County branch. “However, we didn’t stop fighting, and that’s what we will continue to do.”

WLTX: [NAACP South Carolina to host King Day at the Dome on January 19](#)

Featured speakers and special guests will include national and state leaders, including U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, who will serve as the keynote speaker.

KFVS: [Alexander/Pulaski Counties NAACP to host Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast](#)

The breakfast will bring together community members and leaders to honor the life of Dr. King and his legacy of pursuing justice and equality.

Muskegon Community College: [Detroit NAACP President set as MLK Unity Breakfast Keynote in Muskegon](#)

The 29th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast of the Lakeshore will be held Friday, January 16, 2026, at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center in downtown Muskegon.

WFXR: [Roanoke NAACP branch holds Jubilee Day celebration](#)

The Roanoke Branch of the NAACP held its annual Jubilee Day celebration on Thursday afternoon for the anniversary of the January 1, 1863, signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln.

Fayette County News: [Fayette NAACP Chapter Hosting Annual MLK Jr. Parade on Jan. 19](#)

For the first time, all Fayette high schools are being invited to participate, including marching bands and JROTC programs.

WIS10: [NAACP releases details for 2026 ‘King Day at the Dome’](#)

The South Carolina Conference of the NAACP released details Wednesday about the 2026 “King Day at the Dome” celebration.

WPSD: [Alexander/Pulaski County NAACP hosts 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast](#)

The Alexander and Pulaski Counties NAACP is hosting its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 19.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Urges Senate to Act After House Passes Bill to Restore ACA Premium Tax Credits](#)

- [NAACP Releases Playbook for Frontline Communities to Stop Dirty Data Centers](#)
 - [NAACP Condemns Trump Administration Plans to Begin Wage Garnishment for Defaulted Student Loan Borrowers](#)
 - [What to Do When Authoritarianism Comes for You](#)
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57TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



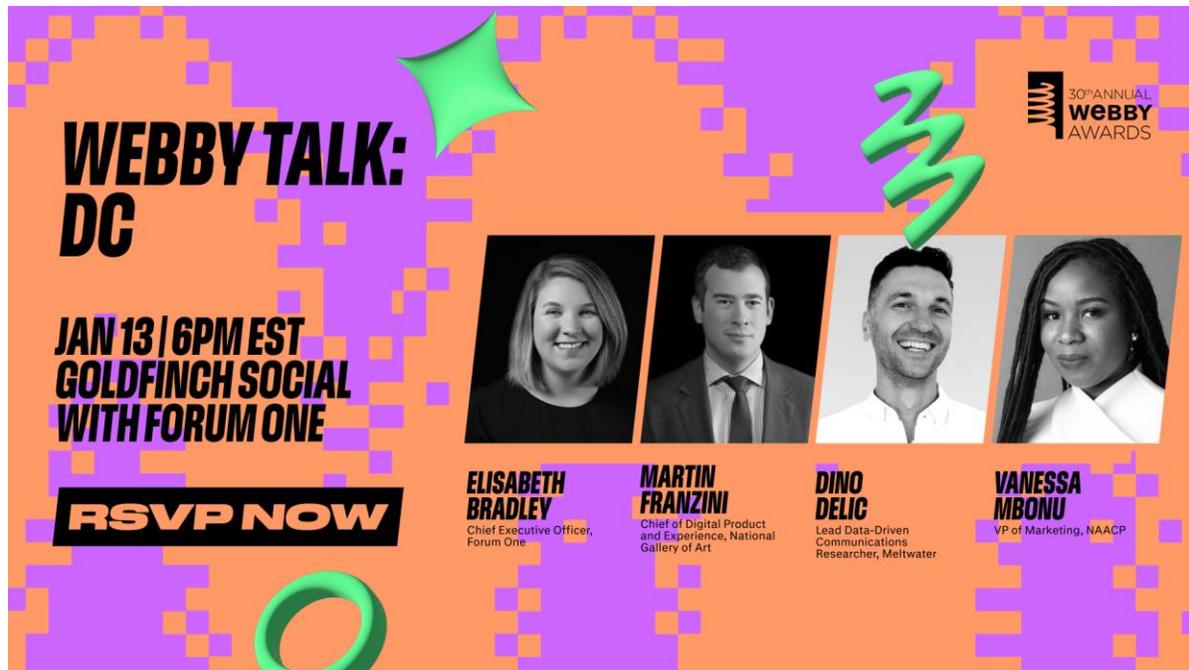
Get ready to celebrate Black excellence! The [57th NAACP Image Awards](#) will air live on BET on Saturday, February 28, 2026, with the hilarious Deon Cole returning as host. Join us as we honor the artists, storytellers, and visionaries shaping culture across film, TV, music, and literature.

Don't miss this year's [nominees reveal](#) on Monday, January 12 at 9 a.m. ET, hosted by Gail Bean and Marcel Spears.

[Stay tuned for more details and voting opportunities.](#)

Tune In

WEBBY TALK: DC

The poster features a vibrant orange and purple pixelated background. On the left, the text 'WEBBY TALK: DC' is prominently displayed in bold black letters. Below it, the event details 'JAN 13 | 6PM EST GOLDFINCH SOCIAL WITH FORUM ONE' are listed. A black button with 'RSVP NOW' in white text is positioned below the details. On the right side, there are four black and white headshots of the speakers, each with their name and title below. The names are 'ELISABETH BRADLEY', 'MARTIN FRANZINI', 'DINO DELIC', and 'VANESSA MBONU'. The Webby Awards logo is in the top right corner, and a large green number '33' is on the right side. A green starburst and a green ring are also visible on the poster.

Join us for an exclusive community event presented by The Webby Awards, Meltwater, and Forum One. This thought-provoking event will explore how AI is reshaping creativity, credibility, and our relationship with the digital world.

What to Expect:

- **Webby Talk Presentation:** Discover how trust is becoming the internet's most valuable currency.
- **Panel Discussion & Q&A:** Unpack the opportunities and challenges of AI, from limitless creativity to rising skepticism.
- **Cocktail Reception:** Network with industry leaders and peers.

Where:

Goldfinch Social, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, D.C.

RSVP

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.

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