

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



New York Times: [Supreme Court Updates: Justices Further Weaken Voting Rights Act, Igniting Political Scramble](#)

Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, criticized the court's decision to strike down the Louisiana voting map. "Today's decision is a devastating blow to what remains of the Voting Rights Act, and a license for corrupt politicians who want to rig the system by silencing entire communities," he said. "The Supreme Court betrayed Black voters, they betrayed America, and they betrayed our democracy. This ruling is a major setback for our nation and threatens to erode the hard-won victories we've fought, bled and died for."

Huff Post: [NAACP Blasts Supreme Court For Betraying Black Voters: 'Our Democracy Is Crying For Help'](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson slammed the Supreme Court's decision to gut the landmark Voting Rights Act Wednesday, calling the 6-3 ruling a betrayal of Black voters and American democracy.

Here's Why Kevin: [Rep. Delia Ramirez \(IL\) and Rep. Analilia Mejia \(NJ\) Introduce a Bill to Increase The Federal Minimum Wage](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson says this fight for a living wage is also a racial justice issue. "When people are denied fair wages, they are denied the ability to fully participate in our democracy. The NAACP stands with this coalition because civil rights, racial justice, and economic justice are inseparable."

NBC4: ['Make their own table': Young NAACP leader encourages peers to make voices heard](#)

Tylik McMillan isn't only a HBCU grad. He serves as the National Director of Youth and College of the NAACP and is on a mission to get younger people to vote and make their voices heard.

CBS12 News: [NAACP reacts to redistricting as District 20 faces elimination](#)

The NAACP said Black voters in Palm Beach County could be at risk of losing that representation under the new map, calling it a major concern for the organization in West Palm Beach. "We want to have a seat at the table," said Alfred Fields of the NAACP of West Palm Beach.

The Baltimore Sun: [NAACP on Florida redistricting plan: 'We want to have a seat at the table'](#)

The current District 20 includes Riviera Beach, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, Lauderdale Lakes and Tamarac. The NAACP argues the proposed shift could reduce minority voting influence and also affect the state's political balance.

KATV: [NAACP holds virtual town hall on voting rights and redistricting impacts](#)

The NAACP hosted a virtual town hall this evening, focused on what the decision means for voting rights and what comes next. The discussion included the potential impact on redistricting and efforts to protect access to the ballot going forward.

Grice Connect: [NAACP forum brings residents, officials together for discussion on policing and accountability in Bulloch County](#)

A community forum hosted by the Bulloch County Branch of the NAACP brought residents, law enforcement officials, legal representatives, and community leaders together for a two and half hour discussion on policing, use of force, transparency, and accountability in Bulloch County.

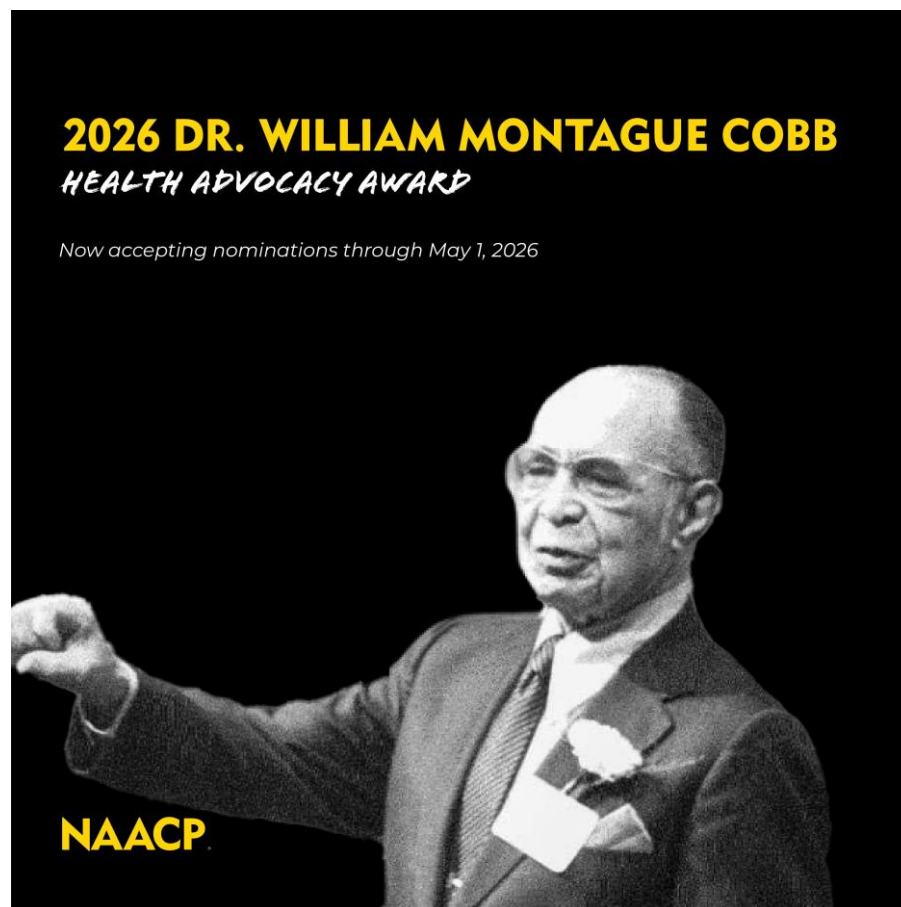
WRAL News: [NC voter ID lawsuit: NAACP appeals loss in voting rights case](#)

"We will continue the fight against illegal discrimination and to ensure voters know their rights and know that they are protected in exercising them," N.C. NAACP President Deborah Dicks Maxwell said in a statement after the initial ruling.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Emergency Town Hall Unpacks Supreme Court Voting Rights Decision](#)
 - [NAACP Condemns Supreme Court's Ruling Against Voting Rights](#)
 - [NAACP Applauds Reps. Ramirez & Mejia for Introducing Living Wage for All Act](#)
 - [The Picture of Black Health](#)
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2026 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 by **TODAY, May 1, 2026**, to recognize the contributions of the trailblazers working toward health equity for Black people across the nation.

[Submit Now](#)

EMERGENCY BRIEFING | LOUISIANA V. CALLAIS



The recent Supreme Court ruling in *Louisiana v. Callais* poses a direct threat to the Voting Rights Act and Black political power. To break down the immediate impact and outline our aggressive mobilization strategy, we convened an emergency briefing with NAACP leadership and key elected officials.

Don't miss this critical conversation. [Watch the full replay on our YouTube channel to stay informed and ready to act.](#)

[Watch Now](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

A promotional poster for NAACP Inspire Initiatives Scholarship Opportunities. The background is a vibrant rainbow gradient. At the top, the NAACP logo is visible. Below it, the text 'INSPIRE INITIATIVES' is in white, followed by 'SCHOLARSHIP' in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background, and 'OPPORTUNITIES' in white. A paragraph of text states: 'Funding is available for exceptional students interested in STEM, marketing, communications, art, and more.' Below that, 'APPLY NOW' is in yellow, followed by 'APRIL 13 - MAY 22, 2026' in yellow. At the bottom, 'NAACP.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS' is in white, and a small note at the very bottom reads '*Scholarship recipients will be announced in the Summer of 2026'.

Education is the key to unlocking your potential, and we are here to help students open the door.

Through the NAACP Inspire Initiatives program, we offer need-based and merit scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. We are committed to ensuring equity in educational opportunity to help our communities succeed in school, work, and life.

Visit naacp.org/scholarships to find the right fit for your future!

Review the individual eligibility requirements and apply now through May 22, 2026:

- [The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)
- [The Empowering A Better Tomorrow Scholarship, Powered by Walmart](#)
- [The James Weldon Johnson Scholarship](#)

- [The Hubertus W.V. Willems Scholarship](#)
- [The Ed Dwight Scholarship](#)
- [The NAACP x Society Awards Scholarship](#)
- [The Edmund & John Kelly Scholarship](#)
- [The Emanuel & T. Thomas Fortune Scholarship](#)
- [The Dr. Eliza & Dr. Richard Grier Scholarship](#)

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NAACP EVENTS



The NAACP stays active, creating spaces to organize, learn, celebrate, and take action. From national observances to community-driven programs, there are many ways to stay engaged and connected.

Explore our Events page for timely events and special observances, including:

- May 13: [The Wellness Blueprint: A Practical Guide to Supporting Youth Mental Health](#)

Join the NAACP Center for Health Equity and the NAACP Youth & College Division for a critical discussion on youth mental health. The Wellness Blueprint is an engaging webinar designed for youth, educators, parents, community leaders, and advocates who serve on the front lines of support.

IT'S STILL DRY ICE OVER HERE!



Congress just voted to end the record 76-day government shutdown, restoring DHS funding and easing disruptions for workers and airport travelers.

But the fight against ICE violence across our nation continues. GOP leaders are pushing to fund ICE through budget reconciliation, setting the stage for weeks of clashes in Congress.

If ICE gets more funding, it will only further fuel the fear and harm that have devastated communities nationwide. More families will be torn apart, and more lives will be shattered.

[Take action now. Let's keep the pressure on Congress to reject this dangerous plan. Every voice counts.](#)

No New Funding for ICE

117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



[Registration is OPEN for the 117th NAACP National Convention!](#) We are heading to Chicago from July 18–22, 2026. Join us and thousands of leaders in a city defined by resilience and creativity as we come together under this year's theme, **We The People**, to help build pathways to justice. This is your opportunity to engage with top voices, influence crucial policy, and

celebrate Black excellence. A [schedule-at-a-glance is now available on our website](#), offering an early look at general programming and key moments throughout Convention week.

[Convention housing is 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 28, 2026.

We're offering [special travel discounts](#) through **Delta**, **United**, and **Southwest Airlines**. Visit our website to learn more and plan your trip at naacp.org/convention.

Keep an eye out for important updates on speakers and more in the months ahead.

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