

NAACP

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



The Hill: [Civil rights groups urge Schumer to pass House-approved social spending bill](#)

The groups, including the NAACP and National Urban League, penned a letter to Schumer on Monday encouraging the Senate to approve the Build Back Better Act “without amendments that would weaken provisions key to the racial equity impact of the Child Tax Credit”.

Vanity Fair: [The “New HFPA” Is Ready to Relaunch the Golden Globes. Hollywood Is Skeptical](#)

During the process of internal soul-searching, the HFPA reached out to the NAACP (among other groups) for feedback. Kyle Bowser of the NAACP’s Hollywood bureau agreed to partner with the group. Under the banner of the “Reimagine Coalition,” they are discussing a number of possible projects, including scholarships, mentorships, and a Nigerian film festival. Rather than getting intimately involved in the HFPA’s internal reforms, the NAACP “sought to recruit them to join our efforts to reform the larger ecosystem of the industry,” he says. “We felt that the HFPA could be a case study—a template, if you will, by which the rest of the industry might take heed and make adjustments of their own.”

Ebony: [Black Civic Organizations Rate U.S. Senators on Commitment to Real Equity](#)

The first-ever Senate scorecard was spearheaded by the NAACP and was in partnership with the National Action Network, National Coalition of Black Civic Participation, Fighting for Our Vote Initiative, National Council of Negro Women, and the National Urban League. Upon its release, Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, noted that the country is now in a “war for our democracy,” pointing to the American Recovery Act, Freedom to Vote Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and each Senator’s support for eliminating the filibuster as reasoning for their grade.

PR Daily: [Announcing PR Daily’s Content Marketing Awards finalists](#)

The finalists on this list represent the storytellers who know how to create content that stands out on the crowded content landscape. Their creative works led to success for their organizations and clients—and recognition as a finalist in PR Daily's Content Marketing Awards. The NAACP Marketing and Communications team is a finalist for Grand Prize: Campaign of the Year, Social Justice Campaign, Content Marketers of the Year, and Teams of the Year.

Managed Healthcare: [NAACP's 'COVID. KNOW MORE' Initiative Continues to Stand as Black America's Best Defense and Resource](#)

Though the majority of eligible Black adults have been fully vaccinated (62%) and the numbers of children now being vaccinated also continues a consistent rise, reliable, credible information is still the primary battleground, the release said. Deep in the trenches still fighting this fight is the NAACP, which through its 'COVID.KNOW MORE' national initiative has been tirelessly working to deliver resources, timely research and data specific to the Black community that can be found nowhere else.

Black News: [NAACP's 'COVID. KNOW MORE' Initiative Remains Important Resource for Black America as Pandemic Continues](#)

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DailyWire: [Teachers Unions, ACLU Want Biden To Extend Student Loan Repayment Pause, Cancel Student Debt](#)
Hundreds of left-leaning organizations — including the ACLU, the American Federation of Teachers, and the NAACP — have called on President Joe Biden to lengthen the pause on federal student loan repayments.

NAACP: [Hey Black America](#)

Digital Marketing Specialist, Shadawn Hammons, talks about inclusivity in the Black community and gives some tips on how we all can ensure that when we fight, we all win. She also encourages you all to take action to help cancel student loans before the January 31st deadline.

Bloomberg: [Georgia Loses Bid to Dismiss NAACP Suit Over New Voting Law](#)

The federal suits by groups including the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP, the Georgia Muslim Voter Project and the state's chapter of the League of Women Voters properly allege that the new law may violate the Voting Rights Act, U.S. District Judge J.P. Boulee in Atlanta ruled Thursday.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram: [Arlington gives initial approval to new council districts over objections of NAACP, LULAC](#)

The Arlington City Council voted 9-0 to give initial approval Tuesday evening to a new map of voting districts that it said best met the legal requirements for drawing voting districts, even as representatives from the NAACP and the League of United Latin American Citizens opposed the map.

UPI: [Another 5 jurors seated in Kim Potter trial for death of Daunte Wright](#)

The NAACP condemned the shooting of Wright at the time, saying it was an example of police use of excessive force against Black citizens. "Both were fathers, both were Black men, both died at the hands of police," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement. "Whether it be carelessness and negligence or a blatant modern-day lynching, the result is the same. Another Black man has died at the hands of police."

NJ: [New congressional districts for N.J. should give more power to growing minority population, groups say](#)

The groups, including the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, the NAACP's New Jersey chapter, and the League of Women Voters, proposed redrawing the lines so whites would not hold a majority in half of the districts.

Herald Sun: [NC NAACP's new leader has already made history. Here's what she's focusing on now](#)

Maxwell won 54% of the vote in an election for president of the NC state conference of NAACP branches on Oct. 23. She defeated incumbent the Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, who received 34% of the vote, and Gemale Black, president of Salisbury-Rowan NAACP, who got 11% of the vote.

KIMT3: [Mayo Clinic, NAACP launch "Rise for Youth" Program](#)

"As participants complete the program, they in turn become leaders and changemakers who will further reduce racial disparities and break down barriers for those that follow," said Walé Elegbede, president of the Rochester branch of the NAACP. "Our goal is to expand this program to other communities and states, so that racial equity in education and employment truly becomes a reality. The National NAACP sees the RISE for Youth program as an example of Mayo Clinic taking concrete steps toward advancing racial justice."

WAFF48: [Limestone County Draws new redistricting plan after NAACP backlash](#)

Daly says they got the plan done that same day. The NAACP's concern was that moving those African American's out of District 3 was done intentionally to dilute the black voter population. District 3 Commissioner Jason Black says that's not the case, and the map was crafted via software programming.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP and Walmart Announce Scholarships to Create Educational Pathways for Formerly Incarcerated Citizens](#)
- [NAACP's 'COVID. KNOW MORE' initiative continues to stand as Black America's best defense and resource, as the pandemic rages on](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

[COVID Know More Virtual Town Hall](#)



The coronavirus pandemic continues to ravage communities across the country. With the emergence of the Omicron variant, and new information about boosters and vaccinations for children, the landscape has again shifted. Hear from trusted voices, medical professionals, and thought leaders on variants, boosters, vaccines, and how to protect yourself and your family.

[Watch](#)

TAKE ACTION:

[Urge President Biden to Take Action and Cancel Student Debt to Close the Wealth Gap](#)



There is no plan to close racial wealth gaps that does not include addressing the #StudentDebtCrisis. Student debt relief is the much-needed policy solution in the midst of this economic crisis.

Data suggest that cancellation policies beyond \$50,000 would benefit all demographics, eliminate racial disparities in student debt, and boost our struggling economy. This will:

- Provide Black borrowers with opportunities to pursue homeownership
- Develop economy-boosting discretionary income
- Fuel upward mobility in the Black community and equitable efforts to close the racial wealth gap