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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE



The New York Times: [Jackson Confirmed as The First Black Woman to Sit on Supreme Court](#)

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The Hill: [Jackson’s historic confirmation sets off celebration](#)

In a statement Thursday, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson accused Republicans of waging “racist, misogynistic and stomach-churning attacks” against Jackson. “In 2022, the first Black woman will finally sit on America’s Supreme Court. It has taken far too long, but President Biden promised and delivered,” Johnson said.

US News: [Ketanji Brown Jackson Makes History as First Black Woman on Supreme Court](#)

“While history has been made today, the unjust hurdles Black women like Ketanji Brown Jackson face each and every day were centerstage throughout the hearing process,” NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement. “The NAACP remains committed to tearing down the racist obstacles that continue to obstruct paths for far too many Americans, especially Black women, throughout our nation.”

Ebony News: [Ketanji Brown Jackson Makes History as the First Black Woman Justice to be Confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court](#)

“Today’s vote to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court is of enormous consequence to our nation and to history,” his statement read. “After weeks and weeks of racist, misogynistic, and stomach-churning

attacks, we cannot wait to finally call her Justice Jackson," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said.

NBC News: [Senate confirms Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court in historic vote](#)

The NAACP celebrated the vote, praising Jackson for overcoming "racist attacks" during the confirmation process. "Today's vote to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court is of enormous consequence to our nation and to history. After weeks and weeks of racist, misogynistic and stomach-churning attacks, we cannot wait to finally call her Justice Jackson," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said in a statement.

The New York Times: [Two More Republicans Back Jackson as Senate Moves Toward Confirmation](#)

Their support came after another contentious day in the Judiciary Committee, during which Republicans spent hours vehemently reiterating their opposition to her elevation. The NAACP called the resulting deadlock in the panel a "stain" on the committee, and Democrats moved immediately to force the nomination to the floor with a vote of the full Senate.

NBC News: [Jackson secures more bipartisan backing for Supreme Court nomination as 3 Republicans endorse her in procedural vote](#)

"A historic step was taken today. As the Supreme Court is slated to consider cases that will impact everything from climate change to voting and reproductive rights, representation is of utmost importance," NAACP General Counsel Janette McCarthy Wallace said in a statement. "Ketanji Brown Jackson is highly qualified to serve on the Supreme Court and her voice is more important now than ever."

The New York Times: [Student Loans Are Set to Be Paused Again, Pushing Payments to September](#)

Wisdom Cole, the NAACP's national director of youth and college, said student loan debt was a "racial and economic justice issue that stains the soul of America." "With each and every repayment extension, you make a stronger case for canceling it," Mr. Cole said. "At this point, just cancel it."

The Hill: [NAACP calls on President Biden to cancel student loan debt](#)

The NAACP on Tuesday called on President Biden to cancel all student loan debt, saying that forgiving \$10,000 in student loans "is not enough." In a statement on Tuesday, the organization's National Director of Youth and College, Wisdom Cole, said that student loan debt has become a "racial and economic justice issue" for Black Americans.

The Hill: [Five questions about Biden's move on freezing student loans](#)

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson, who has occasionally been critical of the administration, argued that if student loan payments can be delayed by over two years, they can be canceled. Other advocacy groups, like the Student Debt Crisis Center and MoveOn, also said the extension falls short and called for cancellation of debt.

ABC News: [Biden Admin Freezes Loan Payments Until August 31](#)

"What's unfair in this period of time is that the cost of college has drastically increased over the past four decades. It's unfair that students have to live in unsafe conditions just to go to school. It's unfair that you can work hard every single day, go to college, get a degree and still not get a job. Student debt cancellation is not regressive, it's progressive. It's an opportunity to rewrite the wrongs of the past," said Wisdom Cole, National Youth and College Director.

NAACP: [Hey Black America](#)

The NAACP is celebrating Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson all week long! NAACP SVP of Marketing & Communications Trovon William urges you all to attend our Block party celebrating Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson this Saturday from 12-4pm ET at the intersection of 14th and S Street in Washington DC. Additionally, you can visit our website naacp.org to apply to our NAACP Inspire Scholarships, open from April 11- May 20th, and/or to take action to cancel student debt.

CNN: [NAACP files lawsuit against Tennessee comptroller, claims threat to take over majority-Black town is discriminatory](#)

The NAACP is representing a majority-Black town in Tennessee and helped it file a lawsuit on Friday alleging that the state comptroller exceeded his authority and racially discriminated against the town in its financial dealings. Mason Mayor Emmet Gooden, the Board of Aldermen and the town are accusing Jason Mumpower, Tennessee's Comptroller of the Treasury, of violating the Equal Protection Clause and going beyond his authority under state and federal law as comptroller through his "unlawful efforts" to take over the town's finances.

Essence: [NAACP and Kapor Center Release Report Illustrating How the U.S. Tech Ecosystem Is Still Failing Black Talent](#)

"The NAACP believes that diversity in tech is a modern civil rights issue, and we cannot afford to be indifferent to the unsettling statistics presented in this report." said Dr. Ivory Toldson, Director of Education Innovation and Research at NAACP in a news release. "But more importantly, the call to action and recommendations in the report provide a compelling case for a comprehensive, cradle-to-career, approach to increasing the number and capacity of Black people in tech."

The Griot: [NAACP, Black clergy, voting rights group sue Tennessee county election commissioners](#)

The Shelby County Election Commission is being hit with a lawsuit claiming the commission is disenfranchising voters ahead of the primaries. The sixteen-page lawsuit filed Thursday by the NAACP Memphis Branch, #UpTheVote901, and the Black Clergy Collaborative of Memphis notes that four of the six polling sites "provide little opportunity for minority voters to exercise their early voting rights."

Michigan Live: [Immediately release all footage of fatal police shooting, NAACP Grand Rapids demands](#)

NAACP Greater Grand Rapids Branch officials are demanding Grand Rapids police immediately release all footage surrounding the fatal shooting Monday of a 26-year-old man by a city police officer. "The public deserves to have the footage released immediately," Cle Jackson, president of NAACP Grand Rapids, said Wednesday, April 6.

Fox 17: [Local NAACP calls for transparency, cooperation from GRPD following deadly shooting](#)

The NAACP Grand Rapids branch is calling for transparency from law enforcement following Monday's deadly officer-involved shooting in Grand Rapids. The man killed has since been identified as Patrick Lyoya. Investigators say the officer pulled the 26-year-old over near Griggs and Nelson for a license plate issue. Lyoya reportedly got out of the car and tried to run.

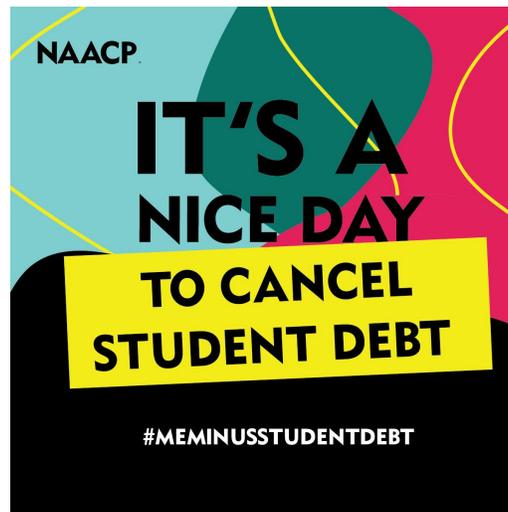
CBR: [The Sitcom So Problematic That the Network Ceded Creative Control to the NAACP](#)

ABC had to cede some creative control of its new sitcom, Just Our Luck, to the NAACP after the organization rallied the public against the sitcom for being too problematic with regards to its handling of racial issues.

STATEMENTS:

- [NAACP Celebrates the Confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson](#)
- [NAACP President Derrick Johnson on the Student Loan Repayment Extension](#)
- [NAACP Response to the Student Loan Repayment Extension](#)
- [NAACP Applauds Judiciary Committee's Vote to Advance Jackson's Nomination](#)

TAKE ACTION: URGE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO CANCEL STUDENT DEBT



There is no plan to close racial wealth gaps that does not include addressing the student debt crisis. 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

[Take Action](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



[NAACP.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://naacp.org/scholarships)

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Each year we offer need-based and merit scholarships to outstanding and qualified Black students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees as part of our NAACP Inspire Initiatives. Through the generosity of our donors, we advance efforts to ensure equity in educational opportunity that prepares students for success in school, work, and life.

Our scholarships range in award amount, academic interests, and age. Whether you are a graduating high school senior or early in your professional career, we are pleased to provide financial opportunities and recognition to assist with collegiate and post-educational endeavors. Please be sure to review individual scholarship eligibility requirements and deadlines.

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