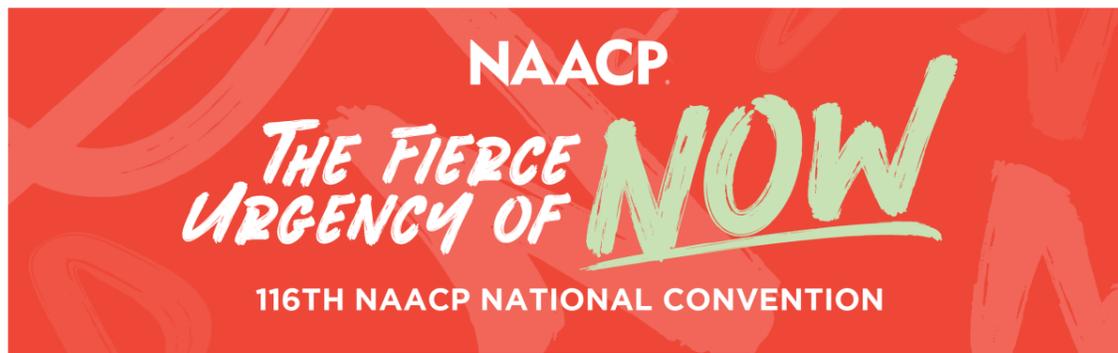


## 116th NAACP Convention: Daily News Recap



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To address the issue of books being banned and ensure the curriculum is accessible in the school system, the NAACP Youth and College is taking action through initiatives like the Freedom Libraries.

**Charlotte Observer:** ['Culture, commerce and community' come together at NAACP's The Hub](#)

Visitors from around the country and Charlotte enter an exhibit hall and immediately see a bright yellow standing NAACP sign coupled with vendors selling jewelry, clothes and books. Upbeat music plays ranging from Missy Elliot to Afrobeats while people disperse to concession stands, arcade games or to get a free photo taken.

**Queen City News:** [NAACP leaders argue progress has regressed under Trump administration as national convention gets underway](#)

This year, the NAACP broke tradition and chose not to invite the sitting president to speak. Trump had declined multiple invitations during his previous term.

**Charlotte Observer:** [NAACP 'Be In The Biz' seminar helps locals find paths in the entertainment industry](#)

NAACP Hollywood Bureau Senior Vice President Kyle Bowser said he looks forward to expanding the program's reach and creating lasting relationships with local community members. "Writers, producers, executives all come from different markets, but they are not plugged into the latest breaking information coming out of the industry," Bowser said. "Now we are on the road sharing that information with others." The room was filled with eager professionals looking to bridge the gap between their own careers and the ever-changing media world.

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This year's gathering carries added significance as it marks the first time in the NAACP's 116-year history that a sitting president was not invited to address the convention. The organization announced in June that President Donald Trump would not be invited, citing concerns about his policies and leadership.

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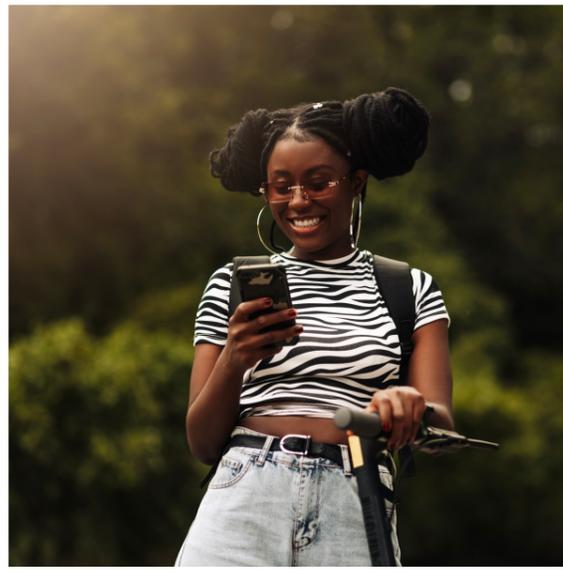
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