



Chadwick Boseman's wife Taylor Simone Ledward delivers a teary and heartfelt message about the importance of colon cancer screenings as she accepts his award for Outstanding Actor in Motion Picture.



In this screengrab, D-Nice, winner of Entertainer of the Year category speaks at the 52nd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Press Conference. — AFP photos

# BOSEMAN'S WIFE DELIVERS EMOTIONAL ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AT NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

Chadwick Boseman's wife Taylor Simone Ledward encouraged people to get screened regularly for cancer after accepting a posthumous accolade on behalf of her husband at the NAACP Image Awards. The late actor - who died last year as a result of complications related to colon cancer - won two gongs at the awards ceremony on Saturday night including Best Supporting Actor and

with colon cancer and 40 percent more likely to die from it. The age for routine screenings has recently been lowered to 45, if you are 45 years of age or older, please get screened. "Don't put it off any longer, please get screened. This disease is beatable if you catch it in the early stages and don't have any time to waste even if you have no family history." Elsewhere, Eddie Murphy was inducted into the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame. The 'Coming 2 America' star said: "I've been making movies for 40 years now. And yeah, 40 years, I know, 40 years ... This is the perfect thing to commemorate that, to be brought into your Hall of Fame."

The annual ceremony - which celebrates black excellence in film, television, music, and literature - was hosted by Anthony Anderson and even featured an appearance from US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Biden said: "For more than 100 years the NAACP has advanced essential motion in a central motion that everyone is created equal and is going to be treated equally. And it has for more than 50 years, NAACP awards help us see exactly that." During the virtual ceremony, basketball star LeBron James was handed the NAACP President's Award.

Announcing this year's winner, Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO, said: "LeBron James, 'the chosen one.' A name befitting an individual so keenly aware of the platform he has built with his athletic skills. "And yet, like all black athletes, he is all too familiar with the risks involved with raising his voice against systemic racism. But just as he has done on the court, he rises to the occasion on behalf of our communities and lends himself to the need for progress and true equality." — BangShowbiz



In this screengrab, Issa Rae, winner of Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series category speaks at the 52nd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Press Conference.

Best Actor, and Taylor used the opportunity to urge people to take better care of their health. She said: "As always, all honor and glory to the most high God. He would thank his mom and dad, and he would give honor to the ancestors." Taylor observed that while the late actor had an "uncommon" talent, the manner of his death "is not uncommon at all". She explained: "He was an uncommon artist and an even more uncommon person, but the manner that we have lost him is not uncommon at all, not in our community."

"Black people in this country are 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed



In this screengrab, Julius Tennon and Viola Davis, winner of Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series and Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture categories speak at the 52nd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Press Conference.



In this screengrab, Tabitha Brown, winner of Outstanding Social Media Personality category speaks at the 52nd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Press Conference.



Beyonce winner of Outstanding Female Artist.



Phylicia Rashad winner of Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture.



Eddie Murphy inducted into the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame.



Octavia Spencer winner of Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special.



Drake winner of Outstanding Male Artist



In this screengrab, Rege-Jean Page, winner of Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series category speaks at the 52nd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Press Conference.

## NAACP Image Awards winners

**Entertainer of the Year**  
D-Nice

**Outstanding Motion Picture**  
Bad Boys For Life

**Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture**  
Chadwick Boseman - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

**Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture**  
Viola Davis - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

**Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series**  
Issa Rae - Insecure

**Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series**  
Rege-Jean Page - Bridgerton

**Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series**  
Viola Davis - How To Get Away With Murder

**President's Award**  
LeBron James

**Hall of Fame Award**  
Eddie Murphy

**Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture**  
Chadwick Boseman - Da 5 Bloods

**Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture**  
Phylicia Rashad - Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey

**Outstanding Animated Motion Picture**  
Soul

**Outstanding Character Voice-Over Performance - Motion Picture**  
Jamie Foxx - Soul

**Outstanding Documentary (Film)**  
John Lewis: Good Trouble

**Outstanding Documentary (Television)**  
The Last Dance

**Outstanding Comedy Series**  
Insecure

**Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series**  
Anthony Anderson - Black-ish

**Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series**  
Deon Cole - Black-ish

**Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series**  
Marsai Martin - Black-is

**Outstanding Drama Series**  
Power Book II: Ghost

**Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series**  
Method Man - Power Book II: Ghost

**Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series**  
Mary J. Blige - Power Book II: Ghost

**Outstanding Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special**  
Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker

**Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special**  
Blair Underwood - Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker

**Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special**  
Octavia Spencer - Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker

**Outstanding News/Information (Series or Special)**  
The New York Times Presents The Killing of Breonna Taylor

**Outstanding Talk Series**  
Red Table Talk

**Outstanding Male Artist**  
Drake - Laugh Now, Cry Later

**Outstanding Female Artist**  
Beyonce - Black Parade