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CT State NAACP President Scot X. Esdaile to Receive Activist of the Year Award

HARTFORD, CT – Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches President Scot X. Esdaile has been selected to receive the 2022 NAACP Activist of the Year Award. Esdaile, who also serves as Chairman of the NAACP National Criminal Justice Committee, will be recognized at the 53rd NAACP Image Awards. *

*President Scot X. Esdaile will be receiving his award Virtually TUESDAY, February 22, 2022 at 8pm EST. You can watch the segment streaming live on NaacpImageAwards.net

“I am deeply humbled by this recognition, one that I share with the activists, advocates, and soldiers in the ongoing fight for equity,” Esdaile said. “It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Connecticut State Conference NAACP, and this award fuels my commitment to justice for the state’s residents of color.”

Under Esdaile’s leadership, the CT State NAACP has implemented several initiatives, including Nothing About Us Without Us, a campaign supporting criminal justice reform, the Million Jobs Campaign, and the COVID-19 Action Plan. Esdaile also coordinated the Great Debate, highlighting the art of debate on relevant social issues between historically Black colleges and universities and Ivy League institutional debate teams. His efforts were previously recognized with the National State Conference President of the Year Award.

A New Haven native, Esdaile has a longstanding commitment to empowering youth and strengthening marginalized communities. He was elected President of the Connecticut State Conference NAACP in 2004 and was named Chair of the NAACP National Criminal Justice Committee in 2017. Prior to his role as State President, Esdaile served as President of the Greater New Haven NAACP Chapter for seven years, and previously founded Elm City Nation, an at-risk youth organization focused on community development combating gang violence.

Recognized as the nation’s preeminent multicultural awards show, the NAACP Image Awards celebrates the outstanding achievements and performances of people of color in the arts, as well as individuals and
groups who promote social justice through their creative endeavors. The awards show will air live on Saturday, February 26, 2022 on BET, at 8:00 p.m. (ET/PT), although COVID precautions will prevent in-person audience and nominees. Non-televised award categories will stream over five nights from February 21 – February 25, 2022. For the complete Image Awards schedule go to naacpimageawards.net

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