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Remembering Chadwick Boseman



Sometimes you have to get knocked down before you can really figure out what fight is and how you need to fight it.

-Chadwick Boseman, Commencement Speech (2018)



Boseman visited children around the US with cancer while battling the disease himself. Image by [The Indian Express](#)

US actor, Chadwick Boseman, lost his battle with colon cancer at age 43 in August 2020 but will forever be remembered as a trailblazer for the African American community. He privately fought colon cancer for four years, while maintaining work and charitable appearances. His legacy lives on as Boseman will be honored during the American Black Film Festival.

Boseman studied directing at Howard University. During his time at university, Boseman was selected for a summer program at Oxford University's drama department in London, but he could not afford tuition. However, Boseman received a



Image by St. Jude

scholarship from Denzel Washington which enabled him to attend the prestigious program. His short yet illustrious career included roles of historical figures, such as, Jackie Robinson, James Brown, and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The leading role in *Black Panther* was an especially groundbreaking work for undoing Hollywood stereotypes and allowing people of African American Heritage to connect with their African roots. The cultural impact of Boseman's portrayal of T'Challa, the King of Wakanda, has spread globally and inspired millions. His artistic talents and charitable efforts will be remembered to serve as a role model for the "Forces for the Good."



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