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Academy Awards are out with 'Fences'

Ruth Negga is the lone [Black](http://www.clevelandurbannews.com) woman nominated for best actress for drama which tells the story of Richard Wright's 'Fences'

Denzel Washington, however, was snubbed for a best director nominee for "Fences," an adaptation from the 1958 play by Lorraine Hansberry.

In short, Blacks garnered six Oscar nominations in the acting categories.

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Viola Davis was nominated for best supporting actress for "Fences," Naomi Harris for 'Moonlight, and O

[Hidden Figures](#) tells the story of Katherine Johnson (played by Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (S

Harris, who is also Black [Moonlight](#) Oscar drama film writer for best supporting actor, Jesse Plemons of 'Vice

Mahershala Ali, another Black actor, is nominated for best supporting actor for his role in "Moonlight" as

Moonlight, with Brad Pitt as its executive producer, and Barry Jenkins as best director and best picture play best actor

This year's nominees are a departure from last year, and the year prior, when the Academy Awards shu

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The Academy Awards, which covers movies released in 2016, will air live on Feb, 26 on ABC.

"La La Land" earned 14 nominations with its stars, Ryan Gosling and Emma Thompson, both nominated

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