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>> Raquel: Hello, V Team.

Thanks for joining us for today's Up to Speed Live.

>> Jen: We've got a news rundown for you but first we want to bring attention to an awesome event happening in Basking Ridge today. Joining us live is George Talks

Tech's own George Koroneos to tell us all about Demo Day and all the exciting devices and services Verizon is showing off and letting employees test drive.

George, take it away.

>> Hey, guys, I'm live at demo day in the upper cafeteria in Basking Ridge. Definitely come on down.

We are showing off the best of the best, and devices, I'm here representing -- we've got plus place, FWA, we've got the gizmo watch, the 5G home. We have home awareness, and so much more.

This is the place to be today.

As you can see, it's already packed, and people are psyched!

So again, come down, find me, find Kelsey.

We're so excited to hook up with you guys.

The new laser X5G.

Also today we, check this out, Jen, we are announcing yellow iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 plus.

So if yellow is your jam and yellow is what you're psyched for, we have yellow, and this is an amazing bundle offer to help get it in your hands.

You can get with the trade-in and on a select plan you can get an iPhone 14 on us, whatever color you choose.

And an Apple Watch SE and an iPad 9th generation, all on us.

So go check it out. We have all the information.

Pre-orders start March 10. It officially launches March 16.

I'm so psyched!

>> Wow, really cool, George.

Thank you so much, and yellow is the perfect color for spring.

>> Yeah, yellow is good luck, and I heard Ritas is down there.

>> We need to go out there.

We get to win, eat and it's going to be good, amazing

>> Raquel: And I heard that the Verizon employee resource groups have a table so if you've been Meaning to join one of our amazing ERG's, today is a great day to learn more and sign up.

Now moving onto other news, the

network team has been busy at work enhancing the network, deploying more 5G, upgrading our fiber backhaul, adding bandwidth and building new cell sites across the country.

And due to these efforts and many additional efforts, since the beginning of the year, Verizon has been named

the best network by RootMetrics in: Dayton, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio;

Louisville, Kentucky; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Omaha, Nebraska;

Greensboro, North Carolina; and Temecula, California. We heard from some of our network leaders on what our upgrades and wins mean to our customers.

Let's check it out.

>> Very few people in this world get to impact over 100 million people every day.

All of us in this network organization have that opportunity.

>> what we're doing right now is an enabler for future technologies.

We're enabling 5G Ultra wideband, we're in the process of deploying 5G core along with our very deep fibre portfolio to allow services for any customer, anywhere at any time.

>> As we deploy that, you're going to see much higher speeds going through the network.

What this means for our customers is more people can use the network, more traffic gets through. It's going to improve the latency.

It really allows customers to use their apps and use the network the way they want.

It also means we can now service home customers, and now you can use broadband at home over a wireless network.

>> We are gonna continue to deploy infrastructure and stay ahead so that we maintain our position as the best network in the industry.

>> When you combine the fiber optics network that we're deploying and the wireless 5G network, no stopping us.

>> Very cool.

And building on these upgrades, today we announced that Verizon's fast ultra-reliable 5G Ultra wideband service is now available to 200 Million people across the U.S. that's roughly two out of every three Americans! With super fast download speeds, customers using 5G Ultra wideband across the nation can now do everything from downloading huge documents and seamlessly streaming movies in HD audio and video, to playing console quality games and conducting video chats and video Conferencing calls while on the move with clearer sound and video.

We continue to offer customers choice and superior services, and we're not stopping anytime soon.

Our engineers are working hard to continue to expand coverage and introduce 5G Ultra wideband service into more rural and suburban areas, so be on the lookout for more news on how we're reaching more customers where they are.

>> Raquel: Love it.

Now moving on to legal and security news, the Verizon law firm and supplier diversity committee presented the inaugural Verizon Law Firm IDEAward, recognizing excellence in Inclusion, Diversity and Equity to Jackson Lewis, one of Verizon's law firm partners.

Now this annual award recognizes law firms that excel in promoting and fostering and leading diversity inclusions, and programs within their firm and the legal industry as a whole.

In addition to Jackson Lewis,

Verizon recognized three other Diversity Champion law firms,

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP;

McDermott Will & Emery; and Reed Smith LLP.

The event featured an insightful panel discussion where we shared best practices, including programs and innovations designed to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. Congratulations to all those recognized.

>> Jen: Team, a few weeks ago we

told you about our new Women's History Month series "Bring The Change, Don't wait for it!"

on Inside Verizon's LinkedIn page.

Well, this upcoming Thursday March 9th from 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern Time our Verizon WAVE Employee Resource Group will be

hosting Episode 2 titled "The pathways to success as a

#WomaninTech". The panel conversation will be

moderated by Vice President of Business Sales for Verizon

Business, Mark Tina, and Vice President Client Services &

Portfolio Management, Verizon Business, Shelly Ashwill.

The conversation will feature former V Teamer Judy Spitz,

founder of Break Through Tech,

and Flora White, managing director of Girls in Tech.

You'll also have the chance to hear from two women who've gone

on to success after being a part of those two great programs.

You can expect to learn what got these women into their Tech

careers and what resources helped them stay engaged and

excited.

You won't want to miss it!

>> Raquel: And also don't forget, tomorrow is a special International Women's Day event right here on up to speed at 12 p.m. eastern.

You will hear from women leaders from across the business who

will be sharing advice on the topics you want to hear most

about, so make sure you come ready with your questions.

And also mark your calendars, on March 10, check out the upcoming Disney+ movie, Chang Can Dunk.

Did you know that part of the film was shot at one of our Verizon stores?

It features Chang, a high school junior who bets the high school basketball star that he can dunk by Homecoming.

The bet leads the 5'8" Chang on a quest to find the hops he needs to dunk in order to impress his crush, Kristy, and finally gain the attention and respect of his high school peers. Check out this awesome trailer.

>> Chang, chang, chang, chang!

[ Chanting ]

>> Ah! Dude, I barely recognize you.

>> Freshman chang is no more, chang 2.0 is here, baby.

>> Kobe.

>> You seem pretty into basketball, so why aren't you out there, then?

>> Hey, Kristy, this is for you.

>> Okay, yeah, you can dunk. So can a lot of people.

>> You can't.

>> Yeah, I could if I tried.

>> Hey!

>> On the night of the last football game, I bet you I will dunk on that hoop.

>> What are we putting?

>> I have a first edition Charizard Pokémon card.

>> What's the plan?

>> This guy is -- dunk.

>> De-Andre? You said you were a basketball coach.

>> You said you were 6 foot.

>> If Chang can't dunk by the last game, he's going to have to move to another school.

>> We're going to do a whole series on you.

>> Yo, I'm Chang, and I'm dunking all my haters, yeah!

>> Oh, you were serious? I'm sorry, bro.

Don't worry about it.

>> Your home away from home.

>> No way, just you and the boss.

>> Is that the kid from the meme?

>> I have ten bucks on you dunking.

>> Oh.

>> Hey, don't worry, my man's got this!

>> I've never seen you like this before.

>> I thought he quit.

>> Use that court, Chang.

>> But he didn't. He kept going.

>> Chang!

>> Talking about you, dude.

>> Inspirational.

>> Let's go.

>> Why do you want to dunk so bad? Is it really about this bet with Matt?

>> If I could dunk, it will be proof that I could be . . . more than who I am.

>> Chang, chang, chang!

[ Chanting ]

>> Remember the name.

>> Okay, well, that looked awesome, but what do you think?

Will Chang win the bet?

Remember to check out the movie on Disney+ this Friday, March 10th, and be on the lookout for how Verizon showed up in the movie.

>> Jen: And let us know in the comments of the VZweb article what your favorite Disney+ Show/movie is for a chance to win an awesome watch kit featuring "Chang Can Dunk" branded items. And before we end today's show, we want to celebrate a special V teamer, Michael Bray, who will be celebrating his 50th-year anniversary with

Verizon on March 12th. Michael's journey with Verizon started back in 1973, and he's been with the company for every stage of our evolution. Over the years, he's contributed in over 25 roles, first starting his career with directory Assistance at New England Telephone. Now Michael is a Tech Project Manager on the Site Reliability Engineering team. Michael, we thank you for your service and dedication to our company, and we celebrate with you today!

>> Raquel: Congratulations, Michael.

well, all right, V Team, that's all we have for you today.

If you haven't yet, remember to Head down to the Cafeteria to check out Demo Day - and get yourself some Ritas! Because we are.

>> Jen: Mm-hm.

So stay safe, and until next time, you're up to speed.