VERIZON UP TO SPEED LIVE June 13, 2022 12:00 PM ET

>> HEY, EVERYONE!

IT'S MONDAY, AND THE START OF WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A GREAT WEEK FOR YOU.

THIS WEEKEND WILL BE A BUSY AND CELEBRATORY ONE WITH BOTH JUNETEENTH AND FATHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY, AND, OF COURSE, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED FOR BOTH.

JUNETEENTH IS THE FIRST NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY.

IT WASN'T UNTIL 1865, TWO YEARS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, THAT TROOPS CAME TO GALVESTON, TEXAS TO FREE ALL REMAINING SLAVES, THUS CREATING JUNETEENTH, A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM.

AND LUCKY FOR ALL OF US, B.O.L.D., OUR EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP THAT STANDS FOR BLACK ORIGINATORS LEADERS AND DOERS, HAS MULTIPLE EVENTS THIS WEEK TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH.

STARTING WITH A TABLE TALK TUESDAY EVENT ON JUNE 14TH, WHERE VERIZON B.O.L.D. EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER KWAME TROTMAN WILL HOST AN IMPORTANT JUNETEENTH DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT JUNETEENTH CONVERSATIONS ARE LIKE IN YOUR HOME.

AND ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH, PHILLIP LEWIS OF OUR CORPORATE FINANCE TEAM WILL DISCUSS THE HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH.

MIDWEEK, WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL PRE-RECORDED EVENT HOSTED BY OUR SGA
LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING THE NIA MATHIS, STEVEN SHAW AND TUPAC HUNTER ON WHAT
JUNETEENTH AND BLACK ECONOMIC FREEDOM MEANS TO THEM, TO BLACK-OWNED
SMALL BUSINESSES AND TO VERIZON.

LOOK FOR AN INVITE TO WATCH THIS PANEL IN YOUR IN BOX.

AND ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF EVENTS HOSTED BY THE BERG, WHICH ARE NINE ERGS REPRESENTING THE BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FROM DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES THAT WILL COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

THIS YEAR'S THEME, THERE IS FREEDOM IN WELLNESS.

AND, OF COURSE, WHAT'S A CELEBRATION WITHOUT GIVING BACK WITH OUR CITIZEN VERIZON VOLUNTEERS PORTAL ON SATURDAY JUNE 18TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 19TH.

SEIZE THE HOUR WITH A JUNETEENTH VIRTUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE WALK AT THE JUNETEENTH PARADE, AND IF YOU'RE IN THE IRVING, TEXAS AREA, YOU CAN ATTEND THE WALK IN PERSON, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES LIKE JUNETEENTH LETTER WRITING AND STEM SUPPLY DRIVE.

FOR THIS AND MORE, CHECK OUT THE LINK IN OUR ARTICLE.

AND THIS WEEKEND WE'LL ALSO BE CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR FATHERS WITH SOME SPECIAL DEALS, AND THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

IS YOUR DAD CONSTANTLY DROPPING HIS PHONE, BUT NEVER PROTECTS HIS PHONE? WELL, TREAT HIM TO A PHONE CASE LIKE THIS ONE FROM FATHER'S DAY.

IT'S AN OTTERBOX DEFENDER PRO XT CASE.

DOES YOUR DAD NEED SOME TUNES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO HEAR HIS MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE HOUSE?

PURCHASE SOME BEATS STUDIO BUDS TRUE WIRELESS NOISE CANCELLING EARBUDS.

THIS WILL ALSO HELP WHEN HE WANTS TO TUNE OUT SOME UNWANTED NOISE WHEN

HE'S WORKING.

AND IF YOUR DAD GAMES AND YOU WANT TO UPGRADE HIS TECH, SURPRISE HIM WITH A MICROSOFT XBOX WIRELESS CONTROLLER ELITE SERIES 2 SO DAD CAN TAKE HIS GAMING EXPERIENCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, DADS, AND BE SURE TO CHECK OUT LOTS MORE FATHER'S DAY COVERAGE THIS WEEK ON UP TO SPEED AND ON OUR INSIDE VERIZON SOCIAL HANDLES. WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL EMPLOYEE PROFILE FOR YOU TOMORROW THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS, AND ON WEDNESDAY, WE'LL BE SHARING OUR LATEST EPISODE OF ENTERATE.

IT'S ALL ABOUT LATIN MUSIC AND GRADUATION SEASON, AND THURSDAY, WE'LL BE WITH GEORGE, WHO WILL BE SHARING SOME EXCITING NEWS, AND FRIDAY, MY GOOD FRIEND ADI WILL BE ROUNDING OUT THE WEEK WITH A LIVE NEWS RUNDOWN.

HERE'S TO ANOTHER BUSY WEEK, AND UNTIL NEXT TIME, YOU'RE UP TO SPEED.