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>> DIANA ALVEAR: Hi, happy Monday.
I'm Diana Alvear.
Welcome to Up to Speed.
We're going to kick your week off right.
So it's graduation season.
Right?
We're seeing all of these happy photos of proud graduates.
Well we asked you to send those pictures to us at Verizon.
And boy, did you deliver.
Take a look at these amazing graduates in your lives.
As you can see, in all of these happy images, you can't help but think about how trying it
was for our students this year.
Thank God for 4G and 5G, right?
Because so many of them were doing virtual schooling.
They were home.
Not the funnest of years.
Lots of cancelled things like sports and dances.
But they got through it, man.
They have serious grit.
This year's group of graduates.
And we want to celebrate them.
We want to celebrate their teachers.
All the graduates of any age, we're talking preK like my son.
Kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college, you name it.
You worked hard.
You accomplished so much.
You passed.

And now you deserve something special.

So, speaking of which, I am on the hunt for graduate gifts, as I'm sure that many of you are.

Why not give them the gift of Verizon, right?

Show your graduate how proud you are.

Maybe it's a new 5G-enabled phone.

That's going to give them access to the best network.

We're building this thing out.

We've got the biggest upgrade ever that's still going.

That means if you've got cracked phones.

Or the sticky buttons on your phones.

And they are sitting in cell phone purgatory in a desk drawer, you can trade them in and get a 5G phone on us with Unlimited plans.

So many big deals happening right now.

We'll even help you with the cost of breaking up with your current carrier so that you can experience how nice it is to be with Verizon.

Is your kid a gamer, like so many of them are?

Well, we have Apple Arcade or Google Play Pass on us.

If they have music lovers, we've got Apple Music.

They have 50 million songs in that music library ad free on us.

We've also got some amazing deals going on tablets.

Hello, parents if you're going on any summer travel, that's a must-have.

And even some very cool mobile gaming controllers.

Remember, if you get vaccinated you're going to get 10% off a new accessory so always nice to stay safe and connected and keep those photos coming we want to see all of the good stuff in your life send those photos to good@Verizon.com tag us on social @insideVerizon on Twitter LinkedIn and Instagram.

So it's not just graduation season it's also Pride Month I love Pride Month.

I love my LGBTQ+ community.

I'm even wearing my rainbow sneakers again.

This is a good reminder, though, that it's not just a monthly thing we really need to show our support and allyship all year long we've got some events that you're not going to want to miss.

We have our ongoing conversation around pride education happening tomorrow, Sandy Gould Verizon Media global head of talent is going to be the special guest and that discussion is all about the importance of not masking our identities.

The use of pronouns.

And the importance of allyship.

That is tomorrow at 5 p.m. Eastern.

And then on Thursday we have a Panel Discussion featuring Verizon Business CEO

Tami Erwin.

She's going to be speaking with Sara Cunningham she's an author, activist and founder of the awesome nonprofit Free Mom Hugs.

If you have seen them on social media, you know.

I mean it just goes right to your heart.

The discussion is going to focus on the ways for allies to care for LGBTQ+ people in non-ideal relationships with their parents.

A very important topic.

So again, that is Thursday at 4 p.m. Eastern.

And for both of these events, we're going to link to the details in today's story.

Now, tomorrow you definitely want to tune in.

Because it's all about kindness.

Question for you: What's the kindest date in America?

Ah, I know the answer.

But you're going to find out tomorrow.

And we're going to continue to heed the #acallforkindness.

We're going to reveal all on tomorrow's Up to Speed.

All right that's going to do it for me.

Short and sweet.

Starting off the work week right.

We've got an amazing week coming up.

We are so proud of the work that each and every one of you V Teamers is doing.

It's always forward together.

It's my pleasure to start this off with you.

I'm Diana Alvear.

And until next time, you're Up to Speed.

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