VERIZON UP TO SPEED FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 12 P.M. ET

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>> HELLO AND WELCOME TO UP TO SPEED LIVE.IT'S FRIDAY! WE MADE IT THROUGH THE WEEK. WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON. I AM DIANA ALVEAR. GOOD TO BE WITH YOU. ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET INTO THE HIGHLIGHTS.

MONDAY, ANDY SCHOOLED ALL OF YOU WITH A FUN QUIZ AS WE EXPLORED BACK TO SCHOOL PROMOTIONS AND MORE. TUESDAY, THE UP TO SPEED TEAM TAUGHT YOU SOME REALLY VALUABLE WORK HACKS. LET ME TELL YOU. I JUST HAVE WATCHED IT AT LEAST 3 TIMES THEY WERE SO VALUABLE! YESTERDAY, WE GOT TO KNOW THE INTERNS AND HEARD SOME GREAT ADVICE. I LOVE INTERNS. I LOVE NATIONAL INTERN DAY AND IT'S ALWAYS SO FUN TO THINK BACK ON MY DAYS AS AN INTERN. THEY GET TO DO THE COOLER STUFF. I REFILLED THE COFFEE MACHINE AND ANSWERED PHONES UNTIL THEY REALIZED I WAS REALLY BAD AT ANSWERING PHONES. OK SO LET'S GET TO THE BIG NEWS ... VERIZON AND SAMSUNG RECENTLY

OK SO LET'S GET TO THE BIG NEWS... VERIZON AND SAMSUNG RECENTLY WRAPPED UP A FULLY VIRTUALIZED 5G DATA SESSION IN A TEST OVER C-BAND SPECTRUM IN A , SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU?

FIRST OF ALL, CLOUD-BASED VIRTUALIZATION WILL TRANSFORM TECHNOLOGY AS WE KNOW IT, ALLOWING US TO DELIVER SERVICES LIKE AUGMENTED REALITY, REMOTE HEALTHCARE, AND AUTONOMOUS ROBOTICS IN MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENTS. SO IN THESE TRIALS WE ACHIEVED VIRTUAL-BASED SPEEDS THAT MATCHED TRADITIONAL HARDWARE-BASED EQUIPMENT IN A LIVE ENVIRONMENT. AND THAT MEANS WE'LL SOON BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE OUR C BAND SPECTRUM TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN OUR 5G ULTRA WIDEBAND NETWORK FOR ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS. TALK ABOUT MOVING THE WORLD FORWARD TOGETHER! SO, YES, VERY, VERY EXCITING STUFF AND WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT'S IN STORE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. YOU SHOULD BE VERY EXCITED. ALL RIGHT. IT IS FRIDAY. WHAT PLANS DO WE HAVE FOR SATURDAY? ARE WE GOING TO HIT THE ROAD AND TRAVEL? ALSO, ATTENTION ROAD WARRIORS! VERIZON IS LAUNCHING FOUR NEW MOBILE HOTSPOT PLANS, GIVING YOU ACCESS TO THE DATA YOU NEED FOR WORK AND PLAY NO MATTER WHERE YOUR TRAVELS TAKE YOU. THE NEW MOBILE HOTSPOT PLANS RANGE FROM 15 GB TO 150 GB PER MONTH, AND THE TOP THREE TIERS (PLUS, PRO AND PREMIUM) GIVE YOU ACCESS TO 5G ULTRA WIDEBAND1, SO YOU CAN STREAM MORE VIDEOS, SEND BIGGER FILES AND BROWSE THE WEB AT FASTER SPEEDS. RATHER THAN HOPE THAT THE AIRBNB OR HOTEL YOU'RE STAYING AT HAS STABLE WIFI, VERIZON GIVES YOU THE EXTRA DATA YOU NEED TO CONNECT WITH THOSE WHO MATTER MOST AND WORK WITH A SECURE AND RELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTION. SO FEEL FREE TO ROAM KNOWING AMERICA'S MOST RELIABLE NETWORK HAS YOUR BACK. TALKING ABOUT RELIABLE AND HAVING YOUR BACK, WE HAVE LET'S SHOUT OUT VERIZON PUBLIC SECTOR TEAM FOR LANDING A US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACT WORTH NEARLY 79 MILLION DOLLARS. VERIZON WILL PROVIDE ADVANCED NETWORK MODERNIZATION SERVICES TO THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER, ALLOWING THE NETWORK TO EXPAND TO ROUGHLY

140 LOCATIONS. THE ORDER EXPANDS VERIZON'S EXISTING PARTNERSHIP TO INCLUDE INTERNET PROTOCOL

VOICE SERVICES AND MANAGED NETWORK SERVICES TO HELP THE ANG ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.

AND VERIZON FRONTLINE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND UNMANNED AERIAL

SYSTEM (UAS), OR DRONE, TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE VERIZON

RESPONSE TEAM TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS WITH MISSIONS RANGING FROM RISK OR DAMAGE

ASSESSMENT TO SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

SO, VERY EXCITING STUFF THERE.

ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THOSE TEAMS ARE WORKING HARD DAY AND NIGHT, 24/7 TO TAKE CARE OF US ALL.

WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT HANS HAS JOINED MORE THAN 90 CEOS IN SIGNING A LETTER URGING

CONGRESS TO PASS A LAW OFFERING A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP TO YOUNG IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT TO THE US AS

CHILDREN, KNOWN AS DREAMERS. THE LETTER - ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND CONGRESSIONAL

LEADERS SAYS IN PART:

"SECURING A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP FOR DREAMERS NOT ONLY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT IS A HUGE

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE LATEST COURT RULING MAKES IT ALL THE MORE URGENT THAT

CONGRESS TAKE UP AND PASS A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION RIGHT AWAY." WE THOUGHT THAT WAS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW ABOUT.

YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THAT LETTER AT THE LINK IN OUR STORY. NOW,

REMEMBER OUR POWERFUL DOCUMENTARY...NOT DONE? WELL CONGRATULATIONS TO FILMMAKER

DYLAN MCGEE AND HER TEAM AT MAKERS - THE FILM IS UP FOR AN EMMY. AND WELL DESERVED TOO, IF

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT, DEFINITELY CHECK IT OUT.

YOU WILL BE MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED.

AND GUESS WHAT?? YOU GET TO CHOOSE OUR VERIZON WORKING MOM AND DAD OF THE YEAR! YOU KNOW WE'RE SURROUNDED BY COUNTLESS INSPIRATIONAL WORKING MOMS AND DADS.

CHECK THIS OUT.

FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS WE'VE BEEN ON THE 100 BEST COMPANIES LIST COMPILED ANNUALLY BY

SERAMOUNT. AND THEY WANT TO HONOR OUR TOP WORKING MOM AND DAD CHOSEN BY YOU. CLICK THE LINK

IN THE STORY AND YOU'LL GET TO READ ABOUT THE FINALISTS, WHO WERE NOMINATED BY OUR ERG MEMBERS.

WARNING: YOU'LL PROBABLY TEAR UP

READING THEIR STORIES BECAUSE IT'S AMAZING THE THINGS THEY'VE OVERCOME AND THE WAYS THEY'VE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES.

THERE WERE PEOPLE TEACHING OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN DURING THE PANDEMIC OR THEY WERE REFUGEES.

INCREDIBLE PEOPLE.

MAKE

SURE YOU VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE WORKING MOM AND DAD BY MIDNIGHT NEXT FRIDAY AUGUST 6TH!

AS WE START TO CLOSE OUT DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH - WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A CONVERSATION RONAN

RECENTLY HAD WITH CAROLINE CASEY, CEO & FOUNDER, THE VALUABLE 500 - WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION

FOCUSED ON AMPLIFYING DISABILITY INCLUSION ON A GLOBAL SCALE. TAKE A LISTEN.

>> IN A VERY PRACTICAL SENSE, WE HAVE DEVELOPED OUR CITIZEN VERIZON STRATEGY.

AND RIGHT AT THE CORE OF THAT, WE MAKE SURE OUR TECHNOLOGY IS FUNDAMENTALLY INCLUSIVE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

WE'RE MAKING SURE WE'RE CREATING DIGITAL CONFIDENCE AMONG PEOPLE SO THEY FEEL CONFIDENT TO USE THE NEW DIGITAL TOOLS TO PARTICIPATE. THAT'S AT THE EDUCATION LEVEL, BUT ALSO HELPING BUSINESSES MAKE SURE DEVICES ARE TRULY USABLE BY EVERYONE IN SOCIETY.

TALENT IS EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE WORLD, BUT OPPORTUNITY ISN'T.

WHY SHOULDN'T WE INCLUDE SOME INCREDIBLE TALENT THAT SITS INSIDE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND MAKING SURE WE GIVE THEM THE TOOLS TO BE INNOVATIVE, CREATING, AND VALUE CREATING IN A WAY THAT IS GOOD FOR EVERYBODY.

HONESTLY, IT MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE.

>> DIANA ALVEAR: COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE, RONAN.

HE SAID IT BEST.

AT VERIZON,

WITHIN OUR REACH IS THE ABILITY TO CREATE NOT ONLY A CONNECTED WORLD BUT AN ACCESSIBLE ONE. AND OUR COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING DISABILITY INCLUSION IS INFUSED IN

EVERY ASPECT OF OUR BUSINESS.

AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF.

WE CAN ALSO BE PROUD OF, OKAY THIS IS SO EXCITING.

WE WERE LIKE OH MY GOSH, WE CAN'T WAIT TO PUT THIS IN THE SHOW.

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ALL THE AMAZING NOTES ON THE OLYMPICS RIGHT NOW AND SEEING THESE AMAZING STORIES.

SUNI LEE, WINNING THE GOLD.

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TEAMER, ALLAN WILLIAMS WHO IS ON THE MEC PRODUCT MANAGEMENT TEAM - HIS NEPHEW

RAI BENJAMIN WILL BE GOING ON TO THE SEMIFINALS IN TOKYO FOR MEN'S 400M HURDLES THIS SUNDAY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAI - WE WILL BE WATCHING AND ROOTING FOR YOU THIS WEEKEND!

AND AGAIN I'M GOING TO SAY HIS NAME AGAIN.

IT'S RAI BENJAMIN.

THE MEN'S 400 METER HURDLES.

I CAN BARELY GET UP FROM MY COUCH, SO IT'S EXCITING STUFF.

IT'S SO MUCH FUN TO ROOT FOR SOMEBODY THAT WE KNOW AND FEEL LIKE WE KNOW HIM.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALLEN, FOR LETTING US KNOW ABOUT YOUR AMAZING NEPHEW.

WE LOVE HIGHLIGHTING OUR STORES AND SOLUTION SPECIALISTS.

FINALLY, LET'S SEND A SHOUT-OUT TO CHI-TOWN, NAMELY OUR FRIENDS AT OUR RETAIL STORE IN CICERO

ILLINOIS, IN SUBURBAN CHICAGO.

OUR CREW THERE OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND, AS YOU CAN SEE

THEY'RE READY TO GO AND THEY'VE GOT THEIR SHIRTS ON AND THEIR SPIRIT ON AND

WHO ARE EXCITED TO TELL OUR CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE LATEST IN TECH, OUR

POWERFUL NETWORK AND ALL THINGS VERIZON 5G. AND AS OUR OWN SEAN LEE NOTED ON INSTAGRAM

YESTERDAY, IT'S JUST THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CONTINUE TO SHOW UP WHERE AND WHEN OUR

CUSTOMERS NEED US MOST.

AND LOOK AT THAT.

I HAVE LIVED IN THE WINDY CITY AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE CHICAGO PRIDE. THAT IS GOING TO DO IT FOR US TODAY.

WE GAVE YOU EVERYTHING.

C BAND AND SOMEBODY YOU CAN ROOT FOR IN THE OLYMPICS AND SOLUTION SPECIALISTS.

WE'RE LEAVING YOU ON A HIGH NOTE, BUT I WANT TO LET SOMEBODY DO THE FINAL HONORS.

LET'S THROW IT TO MIGUEL ORTIZ, ONE OF OUR SOLUTIONS SPECIALISTS AT OUR CICERO STORE, TO WRAP UP OUR WEEK.

>> UNTIL NEXT TIME, YOU'RE UP TO SPEED!