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>> Hey, V team.

Happy Tuesday. What a cool week it's been so far!

I mean, I would be remiss to not mention yesterday's total solar eclipse. How neat was that?

As always, Verizon was prepared to deliver an awesome experience for our customers who were snapping and sharing pics! And we even gave away the all important eclipse glasses at more than a dozen Verizon store locations throughout the weekend leading up to the big day.

Boy, were those glasses a hot commodity.

Take a look at these cool pictures from our watch parties at stores along the eclipse's path. We had folks in Buffalo, New York; South Burlington,

Vermont; Cleveland, Ohio and three stores in Texas! But those weren't the only ways we got involved. Get this, Verizon Business actually partnered with NASA to provide a network solution that allowed for a live broadcast of the solar eclipse!

It enabled NASA to bring in multiple video feeds from across the United States, including telescopic views and broadcast commentary. This allowed folks

From all around the world to witness this special event.

Now I know I've said special like three times, but it really is the perfect word. Here in the United States we won't have another visible eclipse until 2044.

That is quite some time.

All right, team. You likely remember that last Tuesday I brought you a few of the ways in which Verizon is playing a pivotal role in supporting the Hispanic community with small business grants and our

appearance at a recent cybersecurity expo in D.C.!

This week I have another example, otro ejemplo, of how we're showing up for the Latino Community, but this time at our Walnut Street store in Philadelphia.

Just a few days ago, we hosted the second event in our Latino "Connected By Culture" series: Poderosas en Filadelfia, which translates to powerful women in Philadelphia.

The event featured a panel

discussion with some of the city's top Latina leaders,

moderated by Adriana Dawson,

Director of Community Engagement for Verizon.

Our on-site photographer took two dozen free professional headshots for those in attendance as we celebrated the combined \$70,000 in new Verizon donations that will benefit the local Latino-serving

organizations that are boosting digital inclusion, education,

youth empowerment and small businesses.

It's a nice story, and I'm sure that money is going to make a big, big difference.

All right, well, moving on now to two awesome awards that we can all be proud of. Starting with our Gallup Exceptional Workplace award! This is actually our fourth time winning! For a little background, the Gallup awards celebrate companies that put the engagement of their people at the center of their business strategy. And this year was extra special because we also received their top prize as a Winner with Distinction. These awards are especially important as they're based on your employee opinions and winners must place in the top tier of all organizations. Big congratulations to our Human Resources teams and to all V Teamers. I know we have some of them in the audience, so a big applause to them. And the excitement continues with another big congratulations to our Investor Relations Team who took home the award for best in the Communications sector at this year's Investor Relations Magazine Awards. We also want to congratulate our very own Brady Connor who was nominated in the Large Cap Category for Best Investor Relations Officer. You and the team are part of the reason why

Verizon is the very best in class.

We hope you all had time to celebrate this prestigious win before diving into Earnings prep.

we're looking forward to Monday, April 22.

We can't wait to see everybody at our earnings webcast.

V team, be sure to mark down that date on your calendars.

And with that, I hope you all have a fantastic rest of your day and make sure you tune in on Thursday for another exciting live show.

Until next time, you're up to speed.