

Upwardly Global

# MONTH IN REVIEW

AUGUST 2024

Dear Friend,

The countdown is on! Next month, we'll gather for our signature **Equity Gala** — an evening dedicated to celebrating the strength and resilience of immigrant and refugee professionals who are shaping the workforce and communities of tomorrow.

Representation is key to creating a more inclusive future. When immigrants and refugees see themselves reflected in leadership roles, industries, and the media, it fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment. By amplifying diverse voices and experiences, we can build a nation where everyone has the opportunity to contribute their talents and perspectives, helping to shape our collective future.

The Gala allows us to reflect on the strides we've made toward inclusion this year. We're proud to be serving 13,000 newcomers from over 100 nations, launching AI tools to connect job seekers with recruiters, and breaking down relicensing barriers for internationally trained healthcare workers. And with exciting new partnerships, we're poised to serve thousands more job seekers in the years to come.

Expect inspiring stories from some of our incredible alumni, special guest appearances, and a night filled with energy and passion. With just a **few tickets remaining**, now is the perfect time to secure your spot.

It's going to be a night to remember — one you won't want to miss.

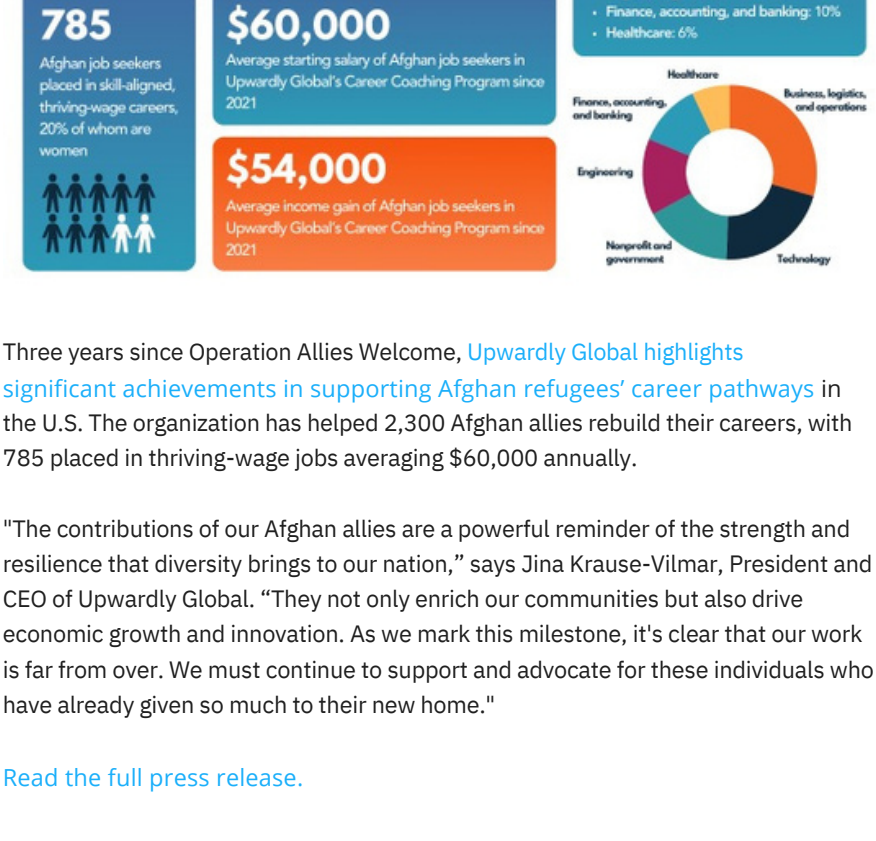
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CEO and President

The Equity Gala is more than just a celebration — it is a call to action! Together, we can break down barriers and create opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds to restart their lives and careers in the U.S. and thrive.

[Buy your tickets](#), [secure a table](#), or [donate to support our mission today!](#)

## Upwardly Global Marks 3-Year Milestone for Afghan Refugees



Three years since Operation Allies Welcome, [Upwardly Global highlights significant achievements in supporting Afghan refugees' career pathways](#) in the U.S. The organization has helped 2,300 Afghan allies rebuild their careers, with 785 placed in thriving-wage jobs averaging \$60,000 annually.

"The contributions of our Afghan allies are a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience that diversity brings to our nation," says Jina Krause-Vilmar, President and CEO of Upwardly Global. "They not only enrich our communities but also drive economic growth and innovation. As we mark this milestone, it's clear that our work is far from over. We must continue to support and advocate for these individuals who have already given so much to their new home."

[Read the full press release.](#)

## Upwardly Global Launches New Digital Platform for Employers

A PLATFORM DESIGNED BY EMPLOYERS FOR EMPLOYERS

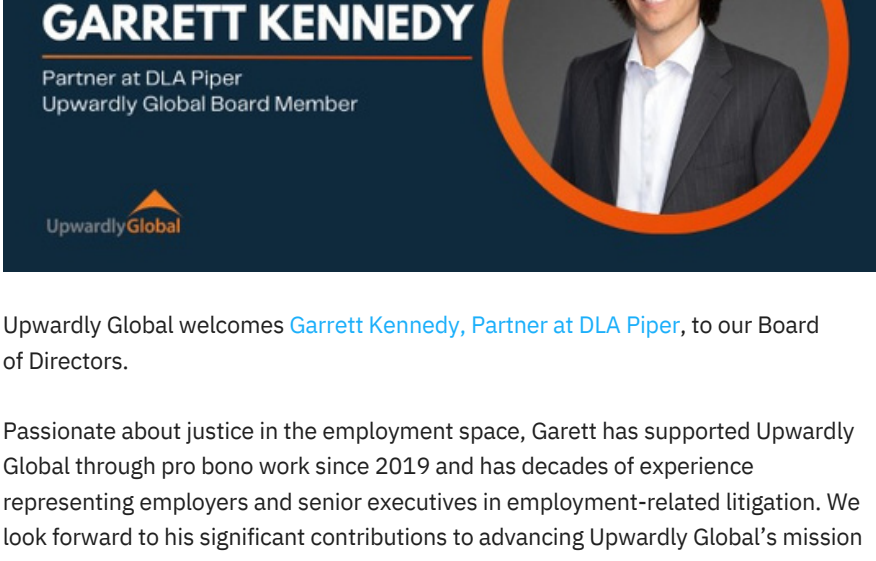
# UPWARDLY GLOBAL TALENT

- Real-time talent
- Data-powered insights
- Expert content
- Employer-led design

Upwardly Global has just launched [Upwardly Global Talent](#), a groundbreaking digital platform designed to streamline immigrant and refugee hiring. Developed in collaboration with Accenture and with insight from more than 15 other companies, it provides employers with access to immigrant and refugee candidates, cutting-edge e-learning modules and resources, and an analytics dashboard to track KPIs and partnership success.

[Learn more about Upwardly Global Talent.](#)

## Practical Tips for Employers: Understanding and Evaluating Foreign Credentials



Upwardly Global's Employer Engagement team convened their DEI Working Group to share [practical tips on how employers can navigate evaluating internationally acquired credentials](#) and support immigrant and refugee candidates who apply for positions that require credential evaluation.

Partners at World Education Services also shared tools for employers to aid in this process and information on the WES Gateway Program, which helps employers assess credentials from refugee candidates who can not access documents left behind in their home country.

[Read employer tips for evaluating foreign credentials.](#)

## Garrett Kennedy Joins Upwardly Global Board of Directors

Welcome **GARRETT KENNEDY**  
Partner at DLA Piper  
Upwardly Global Board Member

Upwardly Global welcomes [Garrett Kennedy](#), Partner at DLA Piper, to our Board of Directors.

Passionate about justice in the employment space, Garrett has supported Upwardly Global through pro bono work since 2019 and has decades of experience representing employers and senior executives in employment-related litigation. We look forward to his significant contributions to advancing Upwardly Global's mission of dismantling employment barriers for immigrants, refugees, and globe-trotters.

## In Immigration News

- For California-based job seekers, the California Service Center has moved to a new address; the new facility is said to streamline processes by concentrating operations in its new location. [Read more from USCIS.](#)
- The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman recently announced the establishment of four regional representatives across the U.S. These representatives will gather feedback, identify regional issues with USCIS, and improve communication between the public and the agency. [Read the full announcement.](#)

## Join Our Team

Join Upwardly Global and contribute to making a tangible impact on the lives of professional immigrants and their families. Upwardly Global is currently offering the following opportunities:

- Chief Communications & Marketing Officer
- Head of Partnerships Development
- Partnerships Development Manager
- Digital Marketing Manager
- Staff Accountant- NY
- Executive Assistant- NY
- Onboarding Associate, NY
- Employment Services Advisor, NY
- Institutional Giving Associate (Temporary- Part Time)
- Talent Account Associate
- Communications and Social Media Intern

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