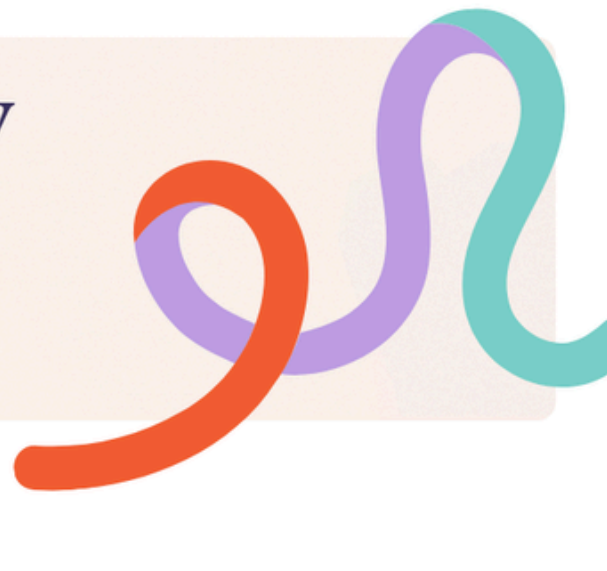


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UpGlo's Promised Renewed Tour has brought our mission to life, one stop, one city, one connection at a time. Beginning in our nation's capital, this tour has celebrated the incredible talent immigrant professionals bring to the US and their contributions to the future of the workforce. This month, we're sharing [highlights from our Chicago stop](#) and a [spotlight on one of our alumni](#).



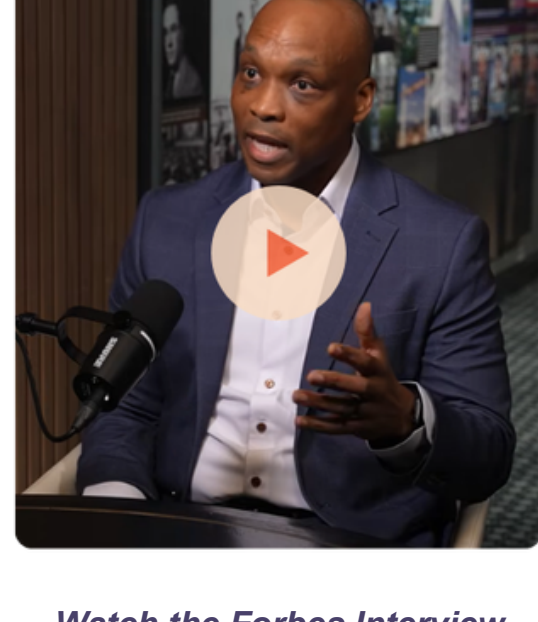
UpGlo's Promise Renewed Tour Brings Community and Opportunity to Chicago

After a [spectacular start to the tour in July](#), the **Promised Renewed Tour** welcomed fall with a second stop in the Windy City. The two-day event brought together jobseekers, alumni, community leaders, and employer partners with the purpose of engaging in meaningful conversations and strengthening connections.

See how UpGlo is bringing people together to celebrate immigrant talent and create new pathways to career success.

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Check out our CEO, Gregory Haile, on Forbes' C-Suite Unscripted and Chicago Radio



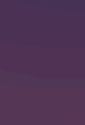
Watch the Forbes Interview

Recently, Gregory joined Forbes' [C-Suite Unscripted](#) and WGN Radio's [Noon Business Lunch](#) to discuss why immigrant professionals are essential to the future of America's workforce, how employers can tap into the often-overlooked talent pool, and how UpGlo creates pathways to economic mobility.

[Listen to Greg on WGN](#)

Promise Renewed in NYC

Private Reception and Dinner with Chef Marcus Samuelsson

 November 10, 2026



Promise Renewed Comes to NYC

After our stop in San Francisco, the Promise Renewed tour will culminate in the Big Apple with a community networking event at Barclays in Brooklyn on November 9 and, on November 10, with an evening of connection, culture, and purpose featuring **Chef Marcus Samuelsson**.

[Will you be there?](#)

[Join Us](#)

Show Me the Money: How to Negotiate Your Salary



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For many immigrant professionals, **negotiating a salary** can feel uncomfortable, especially if you are unfamiliar with how compensation works in the US. If you're concerned about how to negotiate your salary when you receive your next offer letter, follow these helpful tips.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

New Chapters, Renewed Purpose

Dr. Mehtap Akay from Türkiye

Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Mehtap Akay's Journey from Educator to Coach and Consultant

"I never gave up looking for more resources; whether I was in an organization or in a volunteer role, I did everything I could to make the most of every opportunity."

Dr. Mehtap Akay has always championed education as a bridge to connect with people, build communities, and create opportunities.

Growing up in Türkiye, she'd gather her younger siblings and neighborhood friends and pretend to be their teacher. That childhood passion eventually took her across continents, into classrooms, supporting refugee-serving organizations with her talents, and ultimately into entrepreneurship.

Today, Dr. Akay is an education and workforce consultant specializing in multilingual learners and immigrant professionals, a certified leadership coach, and founder of New Chapter Coaching & Consulting, LLC. But getting here has not been easy.

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