



Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education

The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) is a nationwide campus-supported network to foster vocational exploration among undergraduate students. Since its launch in 2009, NetVUE has expanded rapidly to include nearly 300 colleges and universities. An initiative of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), NetVUE is supported by member dues and by the generous support of Lilly Endowment Inc. An Advisory Council composed of representatives from member institutions guides CIC in the leadership of NetVUE.

NetVUE PURPOSES

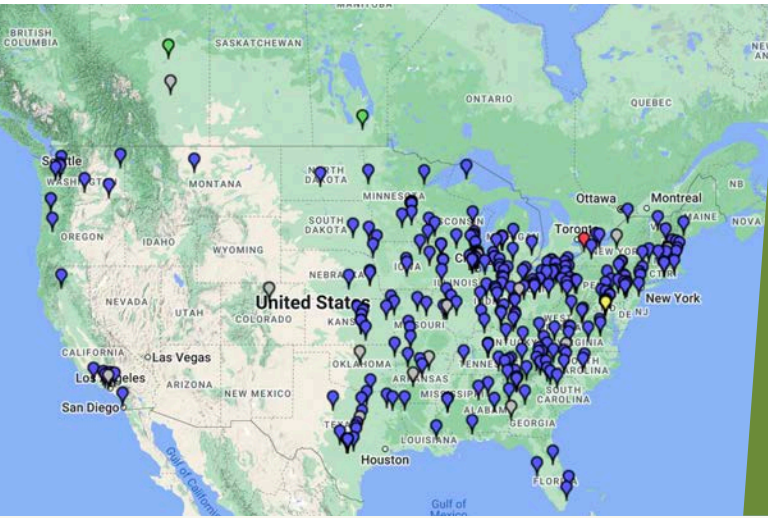
NetVUE has five main purposes:

- Deepen the understanding of the intellectual and theological dimensions of vocational exploration;
- Examine the role of vocational exploration in a variety of institutional contexts;
- Share knowledge, best practices, and reflection on experiences across participating campuses;
- Facilitate the incorporation of additional colleges and universities into this enterprise; and
- Sustain an extended program in the intellectual and theological exploration of vocation.

NetVUE ACTIVITIES

NetVUE offers a number of key programs and services:

- A large national conference held every other year (next: in spring 2024);
- Regional gatherings and multi-campus collaborations on specific topics, conducted primarily in non-conference years (see reverse for the 2022–2023 schedule);
- Grants to member institutions to support the further development of vocational exploration programs and the professional development of staff and faculty members;
- An annual faculty development seminar, Teaching Vocational Exploration, for which faculty members may be nominated;
- Consulting and campus visit services to strengthen or develop programs at member institutions;
- Development of scholarly resources for vocational exploration, including *At This Time and In This Place: Vocation and Higher Education* (2016), *Vocation across the Academy: A New Vocabulary for Higher Education* (2017), and *Hearing Vocation Differently: Meaning, Purpose, and Identity in the Multi-Faith Academy* (2019), all published by Oxford University Press, with additional volumes in preparation;
- An online community for the exchange of resources and ideas among member institutions;
- A wide variety of virtual events and resources, including webinars, podcasts, and online discussion groups; and
- A small NetVUE staff, based at Aquinas College, to support the network.



The **Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education** (NetVUE) currently has 292 member colleges and universities (as of September 2022).

NetVUE REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2022–2023

- **Scientific Callings: Mentoring and Vocational Exploration in the Natural and Health Sciences**
Hosted by Assumption University and College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA), September 23–24, 2022
- **Institutional Saga: A Tool for Aligning Mission, Vocation, and Innovation**
Hosted by Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX), October 5–7, 2022
- **Vocation and Catastrophe: An AAR/SBL Pre-Meeting**
Preceding the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting (Denver, CO), November 17–18, 2022
- **Creating Conditions, Dismantling Obstacles, Empowering Students: Vocational Exploration and Marginalized Communities**
Hosted by the University of La Verne (La Verne, CA), February 24–25, 2023
- **Finding Ourselves at the Center: Collaborative Spaces for Purpose, Work, Learning, and Engagement**
Hosted by Bluffton University (Bluffton, OH), May 31–June 2, 2023

For additional information about these events, visit www.cic.edu/NetVUE.

NATIONAL NetVUE EVENTS

Throughout 2022–2023, NetVUE members will have access to many virtual events, including webinars, podcasts, blog posts, and online discussion sessions. The 2023 NetVUE UnConference will offer a focused range of opportunities for conversation and networking and will take place March 23–25, 2023. The next in-person NetVUE Conference will take place in spring 2024. Other national events include a summer faculty development seminar and the NetVUE Big Read (for which the 2022 selection is *The Purpose Gap: Empowering Communities of Color to Find Purpose and Thrive* by Patrick Reyes).

2023 NetVUE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Program Development Grants** offer \$25,000 to \$50,000 to be used over two years; proposals are due December 2, 2022.
- **Vocation across the Academy Grants** provide up to \$90,000 in CIC and third-party funds to be used over a three-year period; proposals are due April 7, 2023.
- **Professional Development Awards** are one-year grants of up to \$12,000 (or \$15,000 for certain special initiatives); proposals are due April 14, 2023.
- **Additional Grant Opportunities** may be announced during the year.

NOT YET A MEMBER OF NetVUE?

CIC welcomes the participation of independent colleges and universities in NetVUE. Membership information, an application to join NetVUE, and details on all programs and services, are available at www.cic.edu/NetVUE. For more information, please contact David S. Cunningham, director of NetVUE, at dcunningham@cic.edu or (616) 632-1060.