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Institutional Leadership for Vocation

A SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS AT NETVUE INSTITUTIONS • JUNE 15–19, 2026

The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) is pleased to announce a new seminar for faculty members and staff who are serving in leadership roles at institutions that are members of its Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE). This seminar, Institutional Leadership for Vocation, is designed to bring together a group of current leaders who are eager to explore how vocational exploration and discernment can play a greater role in their work across campus.



What would it mean for leaders to think of themselves as “called” or “summoned” to use their intellect and abilities to strengthen their institution’s work in vocational exploration and discernment? Leaders committed to vocational exploration often seek ways to help those for whom they have responsibilities—the people they supervise, the programs they oversee, and their institution as a whole—flourish in their efforts to support students who are reflecting on their many callings in life. The transition to a leadership role can represent a significant shift in how vocation shapes one’s work. Leaders need to consider not only their own vocations, but those of the people for whom they are responsible. They must consider not only vocational exploration among students (whether individually or collectively), but also the ways that vocation can be integrated into programming in meaningful and comprehensive ways across the institution.

DATES AND DEADLINES

Nomination open
APRIL 2025

Nomination deadline
NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Seminar Gathering
JUNE 15–19, 2026

Seminar Location
**THE BROWN HOTEL
LOUISVILLE, KY**



Participants in this seminar will have the opportunity to reflect on their vocational path into leadership and how that informs the way they seek to continue to lead. They will learn how to make the case for vocational exploration and discernment across their campus, and to explore ways that vocation can be integrated across student-facing programming. Ample time will also be provided for participants to build community and receive mutual support and encouragement for their ongoing work of institutional leadership on vocation and calling.

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SEMINAR LEADERS



REMYLIN BRUDER serves as provost, vice president of academic affairs, and professor of nursing at Rochester Christian University in Rochester, Michigan. She is a longstanding supporter of the work of NetVUE, having led teams from her institution at a number of regional gatherings and national conferences. She has also supervised a number of NetVUE grants for her institution. She holds a BSN from Wayne State University, an MSN from the University of Phoenix, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Oakland University.

KURT SCHACKMUTH is vice president for student life and chief mission officer at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. He has served for nearly a decade as a NetVUE consultant, visiting campuses and advising their leaders on the best ways to engage with the network. He currently serves on the NetVUE chaplaincy steering committee and has supervised a number of NetVUE grants at Lewis University. He holds a BA and an MBA from Lewis University and a PhD in Higher Education from Loyola University Chicago.



NOMINATION PROCESS

The ideal candidate for this seminar is a member of the staff or faculty who currently serves in a leadership role at a NetVUE member institution. At least one year of leadership experience (by the time the seminar starts) is recommended for all nominees. This may include, but is not limited to, positions such as assistant or associate dean, assistant or associate provost, or director of a major office on campus. Nominees serving in leadership positions that cut across campus divisions or offices are welcome as well. The strongest candidates will be those with some experience with vocation—whether through participation in another NetVUE seminar, attendance at a NetVUE regional or national event, or participation in vocation-related activities on campus

- The nomination portal for the seminar is now open.
- Up to 16 participants will be notified of their selection in January 2026.
- Additional seminar information is available at <http://www.cic.edu/InsttutionalLeadershipforVocation>

CONTACT

For questions about the seminar or the nomination process, contact Rachael Baker, associate director of NetVUE, at (616) 632-1060 or rbaker@cic.edu.