



NetVUE

Network for Vocation
in Undergraduate Education
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The purpose of the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) is to increase the capacity of independent colleges and universities to support their undergraduate students as they explore and discern their many callings in life.

The process of vocational reflection is an interdisciplinary endeavor, bringing together theological, philosophical, ethical, historical, and affective approaches, and implementing the theoretical reflections of these fields in vocation-related practices. Campuses are encouraged to support students in this work through a variety of academic departments, pre-professional programs, and campus offices (variously including career services, student success centers, advising programs, offices of religious or spiritual life, and many more). NetVUE is governed by a principle of subsidiarity: individual member institutions are encouraged to shape their work related to vocation and calling—including the vocabularies that they use to describe this work—in ways that are best suited to their own missions, teaching philosophies, student demographics, and other matters best known to those who lead and guide this work on campus.

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The 2026 NetVUE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri brought together 890 participants from nearly 300 institutions.

NetVUE Programs and Services

- A large national conference held every other year (next: March 23-25, 2028 in New Orleans, LA);
- Regional gatherings and multi-campus collaborations on specific topics, conducted primarily in non-conference years (2026–2027 schedule on the following page);
- Grants to member institutions to support further development of vocational exploration programming for students and professional development opportunities for staff and faculty members (details on the following page);
- Annual professional development seminars for which individuals at member institutions may be nominated;
- A wide variety of on-campus professional development opportunities, most of which are available at no additional cost;
- Print and digital resources for vocational exploration, including four decks of Conversation Cards, five books published by Oxford University Press, and a biannual journal, *Studies in Vocation and Calling*;
- 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 a blog;
- A small NetVUE staff, based at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to support the network.



The Council of
Independent Colleges

The Network for Vocation in
Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)
currently has 343 member colleges and
universities (as of September 2026).

NetVUE Regional Gatherings 2026–2027

- **Vocation and Experiential Learning: The Call to Mentorship**

*Hosted by Presbyterian College (Clinton, SC),
September 24–26, 2026*

- **Telling Honest Stories as a Calling in Higher Education**

*Hosted by St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN),
October 11–13, 2026*

- **Is Citizenship a Vocation? Loyalty, Protest, Advocacy**

*Preceding the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting (Denver, CO),
November 19–20, 2026*

- **Vocation and “Whole Person Education” in a Transactional Age**

*Hosted by AdventHealth University (Orlando, FL),
December 3–5, 2026*

- **Encuentra: Explorations of Culture and Calling**

*Hosted by Fresno Pacific University (Fresno, CA),
February 25–27, 2027*

- **Vocation, Higher Education, and the Future: Imagining Possibilities, Cultivating Practices**

*Hosted by Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC),
March 11–13, 2027*

- **Roots, Branches, Leaves: Institutionalizing Vocational Discernment**

*Hosted by Le Moyne College (Syracuse, NY),
May 20–22, 2027*

Every NetVUE Institution Receives (for as many staff and faculty members as requested):

- Free issues of *Studies in Vocation and Calling*
- Free decks of Conversation Cards
- Subsidized registration for regional gatherings
- An on-campus workshop (facilitators provided)
- Free copies of this year's Big Read book
- Full access to the Online Community Network
- Full access to every NetVUE webinar

2027 NetVUE Grant Opportunities

- Grants to Individuals for Vocational Exploration provide \$5,000 to \$25,000 for use over a semester, summer, or one academic year. Proposals are due October 2, 2026.
- Program Development Grants offer up to \$100,000 for use over two years; proposals are due November 20, 2026.
- Grants for Fostering Leadership for Communities of Faith provide up to \$60,000 to be used over a two-year period; proposals are due December 11, 2026.
- Vocation across the Academy Grants can provide over \$200,000 in CIC and third-party funds to be used over a three-year period. Proposals will be due March 12, 2027.
- Professional Development Awards are smaller, one-year grants to begin conversations on campus, providing up to \$25,000. Proposals will be due April 2, 2027.
- Grants for Reframing the Institutional Saga are multi-year grants that provide up to \$60,000. Proposals will be due in late summer 2027.

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

Not yet a member of NetVUE?

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