



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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Over 800 participants from 250 institutions gathered in Atlanta for the 2024 NetVUE Conference in Atlanta, GA.

NetVUE Programs and Services

- A large national conference held every other year (next in spring 2026 in Kansas City, MO);
- Regional gatherings and multi-campus collaborations on specific topics, conducted primarily in non-conference years (2024–2025 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;
- Annual professional development seminars (one for faculty and one for staff) for which individuals at member institutions may be nominated;
- A wide variety of professional development opportunities, many of which can take place at member institutions for no additional cost;
- Print and digital resources for vocational exploration, including three decks of “conversation cards” and four books published by Oxford University Press—most recently *Called Beyond Our Selves: Vocation and the Common Good*;
- 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; and
- A small NetVUE staff, based at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to support the network.

The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) currently has 314 member colleges and universities (as of September 2024).

NetVUE Regional Gatherings 2024–2025

- **NetVUE “Big Read Launch”: Vocation and the Common Good**
Hosted by Loras College (Dubuque, IA), September 12–14, 2024
- **Storytelling and Vocation**
Hosted by King University (Bristol, TN), October 23–25, 2024
- **Equity-Based Initiatives to Support Vocational Discernment**
Hosted by Texas Lutheran University (Seguin, TX), November 14–16, 2024
- **Nonviolence and/as Vocation**
Preceding the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA), November 21–22, 2024
- **Vocation and the Common Good: The Call of Belonging and Community**
Hosted by Furman University (Greenville, SC), February 20–22, 2025
- **DEI and Assessment in Vocation Initiatives**
Hosted by Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA), April 3–5, 2025
- **Integrating Vocation in the Academic Disciplines**
Hosted by Hope College (Holland, MI), May 29–31, 2024

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

Nationwide NetVUE Events and Resources

Throughout 2024–2025, NetVUE members will have access to a variety of professional development opportunities—including workshops, consultations, and discussion groups—many of which can be hosted on member campuses. Other national events include summer seminars for faculty members and staff, free books for campuses that host reading groups, free decks of conversation cards to prompt student reflection, and a wide range of virtual/digital resources and events, including webinars, podcasts, blog posts, and newsletters.

2025 NetVUE Grant Opportunities

- Program Development Grants offer \$40,000 to \$60,000 to be used over two years; proposals are due November 22, 2024.
- Grants for Fostering Leadership for Communities of Faith provide \$25,000 to \$40,000 over a two-year period. Proposals are due December 20, 2024.
- Professional Development Awards are smaller, one-year grants to begin conversations on campus. Proposals will be due by March 28, 2025.
- Vocation across the Academy Grants provide over \$100,000 in CIC and third-party funds to be used over a three-year period. Proposals will be due by April 4, 2025.
- Grants for Reframing the Institutional Saga are multi-year grants of various amounts. Proposals will be due in late summer 2025.

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, executive director of NetVUE, at david.cunningham@cic.edu or (616) 632-1060.