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 more than 270 colleges and universities. This initiative is administered by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) with generous support from Lilly Endowment Inc. and member dues. 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 (see reverse side for details);

• Regional gatherings and multi-campus collaborations on specific topics, conducted primarily in non-conference years;

• 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 Hope College, to support the network.
The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) currently has 272 institutional members and 8 organizational members.

CIC will cover registration, accommodations, and conference meals for up to three team members from NetVUE member institutions. Up to two additional members may register at the institution’s expense.

In the opening keynote address, Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. of Princeton University will speak on “The Paradox of Education and the Call to Be Agents of Change.”

Nicholas Adams of the University of Birmingham will lead participants through a plenary session on “Interreligious Scriptural Reasoning as a Vocational Practice.”

The closing plenary, presented by Kathleen Mahoney of the GHR Foundation, will focus on her research into “The Resilience of Religion and the Role of Vocation.”

Concurrent sessions will offer helpful vocational resources: classroom texts, self-assessment instruments, storytelling techniques, new media, recent scholarship, and guidance for addressing diverse populations.

Optional pre- and post-conference workshops will address classroom teaching, vocation and career, evaluation of vocation programs, and offerings for minoritized students.

The registration deadline is January 31, 2022. Additional information about the conference (including registration) is available at www.cic.edu/2022NetVUEConference.

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@ic.nche.edu or (616) 395-6750.