

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



Bloomfield's Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs is proud to offer a summer camp experience at three locations. Activities will include safe and socially distant games, crafts, outside play, and more!

Oak View School (Students currently in Pre-K & Kindergarten) **Brookdale School** (Students currently in grades 1 - 2) **Watsessing School** (Students currently in grades 3 - 7)

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JULY 6 - JULY 30

Afternoons only | 1:30PM - 4:30 PM
(Doors open at 1:00PM)
\$85 per week

AUGUST 2 - 13

Full day | 8:30AM - 4:30PM
(Doors open at 8:00AM)
\$150 per week

Online Registration will begin **Wednesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM** at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Prepare to upload photos for proof of residency and your child's current report card for proof of grade level.

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July: Afternoons Only, \$85 per week

1:30 - 4:30pm (Doors open at 1:00pm)

Week 1: July 6 – 9 (off July 5)

Week 2: July 12 – 16

Week 3: July 19 – 23

Week 4: July 26 – 30

August: Full Day, \$150 per week

8:30am – 4:30pm (Doors open at 8:00am)

Week 5: August 2 – 6

Week 6: August 9 – 13

Online registration will begin on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:00am, first come first served. Limited number of spots are available at each camp to ensure social

Summer of Fun, Summer Camps and Sports Clinics!

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is excited to provide a sneak peak at our Summer of Fun, Summer Camps and Sports Clinics so parents can start to prepare for the summer.

Summer Camp is back in 2021! We are proud to offer an in-person camp experience at three locations. Activities will include safe and socially distant games, crafts, outside play, and more!

distancing guidelines are met. Visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org to access our online registration system, Community Pass. Full credit card payment at time of registration is required. Please be prepared to upload documents for proof of residency as well as your children's current report card for grade verification.



Summer Sports Clinics

Location: Various parks
Ages: Ages 6 through 13
Dates: Individual weeks – 6 Weeks – July 6 – August 13
Time: Morning sessions and/or afternoon sessions

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Department will offer a wide variety of outdoor sports clinics: traditional sports such as: soccer, football, baseball, softball, basketball, track & field, and tennis. Nontraditional sports such as: fishing and golf.

All programs are affordably priced and most start at \$40 per week. All social distancing and safety protocols will be followed based on the CDC and state guidelines.

**** All summer offerings are welcoming of children with special needs and additional assistance will be provided to ensure an enjoyable experience. ****

Please call 973-743-9074 or visit our website at <http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org> for more information.

2021 Summer of Fun

The 2021 Summer of Fun might look and feel a little different, but we are committed to providing free fun family events for our residents through the summer and into the fall! As we continue to follow social distancing guidelines and outdoor maximum capacity requirements, we are hoping executive orders allow for larger social gatherings as the year progresses.

As we proved last year, we can safely administer outdoor movies in the park, drive in movies and Classic Car Cruise Nights. We are also planning Youth Band and Civic Band Concerts in the summer and we are diligently planning to bring back our Free Music Concert Series in the fall! Additionally, we plan to have our Annual Fireworks Spectacular in the fall at our last scheduled concert!

Here is a look ahead for our 2021 Summer of Fun

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 31 – 9:30am start

For Memorial Day the Township of Bloomfield will honor our fallen heroes by hosting our Annual Memorial Day parade down Broad St.

The parade will step off at 9:30am on the corner of Broad Street and Warren

Street and will march south on Broad Street past the Civic Center to the Sailors & Soldiers Monument on the corner of Liberty St. and Broad St. There will be a 21-gun salute given by the Bloomfield Police Honor Guard along with a wreath dedication. Due to COVID, we will not gather at the reviewing stand on the historic Town Green. Dignitaries and guest speakers will pre-record their comments and they will air on WBMA-TV along with the entire parade.

The parade will include:

- Military and Veteran Organizations
- Bloomfield Police, Fire, EMS and other township departments
- Bloomfield Community Organizations, Sports Teams, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Marching Bands
- Classic Cars and specialty vehicles

If you belong to a Bloomfield community organization or sports team you MUST PRE-REGISTER your organization to participate.

To participate in the parade please email msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or call 973-743-9074. Please put "Memorial Day Parade" in the subject line. Participation numbers will be limited and will be confirmed on a first come first served basis. All participants MUST wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

* Rides can be arranged for Veterans who are unable to march *

Youth Band & Civic Band Concerts In the Park

Youth Band Concerts – Sunday Afternoons – June 13 and August 1 – Pulaski Park

Civic Band Concerts – Monday Evenings - June 14, 28, July 12, 26 – Pulaski Park

Outdoor Movies / Drive-Ins

Outdoor Movies/Drive In – Tuesday Evenings – July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3 – Locations TBD

Hank Barlow Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 4 – Farmstead Golf & Country Club – 8am

Hot Summer Nights Car Show/Cruise Nights

Wednesday Evenings, August 4, 11, 18, 25 – Universal Technical Institute – 6pm – 9pm

Overnight Family Campout/Movie

Friday, September 17 – Pulaski Park – 6pm

Free Fall Concert Series

Tuesday Evenings - September 21, 28, October 5 – Locations TBD

Fall Concert Series Finale & Fireworks

Saturday, October 16 – Foley Field – Time TBD

Thank you to our generous sponsors who are supporting our 2021 Summer of Fun

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Our sponsor list is up to date at the time of print 4/26/21.

Additional sponsors will be printed in future editions



Saluting the Flag

On July 25, 2007, Bill S.1877 was passed unanimously into law. This bill, sponsored by US Senator Jim Inhofe R-Okla, now allows all active and veteran servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag military style.

These are Senator Inhofe's words:

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. Unfortunately, current US law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag whether they are in uniform or not. I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

(This was reprinted from page 10 of the January 2008 USCGC Spencer Association Newsletter. It clarifies the existing law, US Code Title 4, Chapter 1)

Reminder for Pet Owners

The Township of Bloomfield Requires a license for dogs and cats within the township limits. Pet renewal notices for the licensing year 2021-2022 will be mailed in late April and all pets should have their new licenses issued by June 30, 2022.

The application can be found on our website or in the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214. For any licensing questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 973-


2021 BLOOMFIELD ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC


SATURDAY 5/22/2021
 9:00AM-12:00PM

RESIDENTS OF BLOOMFIELD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL FREE RABIES CLINIC. RESIDENTS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING A-M ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BETWEEN 9:00AM-10:30AM AND N-Z ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BETWEEN 10:30AM-12:00PM. ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED & CATS MUST BE CONTAINED. FOR BEST SAFETY PRACTICES, PLEASE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES TO ONE PERSON PER PET. FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED.

RESIDENTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES IN ADJACENT CHURCH PARKING LOT. OFFICERS WILL BE ON SCENE DIRECTING TRAFFIC FOR ENTRY.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BLOOMFIELD ANIMAL SHELTER WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CLINIC AT
 #973-748-0194.

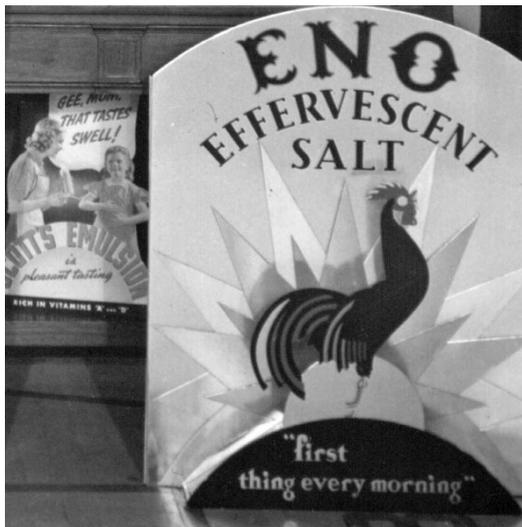
FIRE STATION #3
 124 E. PASSAIC AVE
 BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003



You will need to mail in or drop off:

- A copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate (Valid until after May 1, 2022)
- Fee: \$22.00 (Spayed/Neutered) or \$25 (Not Spayed/Neutered) payable only via check and money order. You may only pay by credit card in person.
- Please note the Free Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Animal Shelter will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Fire Station #3 – 124 E. Passaic Ave. Residents must show proof of residency and are required to remain in their vehicles in the adjacent church parking lot. Residents with the last names beginning A – M are scheduled to attend between 9:00am – 10:30am and N-Z are

scheduled to attend between 10:30am and 12:00pm. For best safety practices, please limit the number of attendees to one person per pet. Face masks and social distancing is required. Any questions regarding the Rabies Clinic, please contact the Animal Shelter at 973-748-0194.



Bloomfield Historical Society

The Historical Society of Bloomfield (HSOB) has updated and expanded its website to include new photo collections of vintage South Junior High. The 91 photos feature the 68 booths at the school's "Know Your Town" Exhibit from 1940. From June 10–14, local industries and community groups packed the cafeteria and gymnasium of "the new Junior High School," as it was known then. South Junior High opened its doors in 1939, but was not called "South" until many years later with

the completion of "North Junior High School" (now Bloomfield Middle School). Check out local businesses from 81 years ago, including Bakelite; Westinghouse; Edison; West Essex Tool & Supply; RCA; Smokador; Scientific Glass; Peerless Tube; Interstate Hosiery; Chevrolet; Clark's Thread; General Electric; Delco Remy; New Jersey Bell; Thomas Oakes uniform cloth mill and many more. HSOB Board Trustee & Webmaster Richard Rockwell digitized and enhanced the photos, which are part of the Museum's collection.

Visit www.HSOB.org and click on Photo Galleries to enjoy these vintage 20th century photographs that commemorate a time when Bloomfield was at the heart of NJ industry.



May Recycling Calendar

Week of May 3-mixed paper and cardboard

Week of May 10-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2,5)

Week of May 17-mixed paper and cardboard

Week of May 24-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

May 31 – Memorial Day

Garbage is cancelled till their next pick up Thursday June 3.

Recycling is delayed one day – picked up Tuesday, June 1

The rest of the week's schedule remains the same – no changes.

Spring Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, May 8 from 9am-Noon at Pulaski Park Parking Lot, 24 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

This event is for Bloomfield residents only and you must provide proof of residency.

This service is not available to commercial or industrial facilities. MASKS REQUIRED.

Leaf/Grass Clippings

Picked up on your recycling day. All leaves and lawn debris must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags on your recycling day. Bags shall be limited to a weight of 50 pounds or less. Any bags weighing more than 50 pounds will NOT be collected.

Limbs, branches, loose wood and brush shall be cut and tied in lengths not exceeding 4 feet in length.

Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove St. is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm (closed July 4). No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper/cardboard, commingled items-glass, aluminum and plastic (recycling codes 1,2 and 5 ONLY), electronics and used water filters. MASKS REQUIRED.

Bulk Pickup of Large Items

(No metals, appliances) occurs on the second garbage pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. You do not need to call the office to have items picked up.

Metals and Appliances

(Not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW at 973-680-4127 no later than 3:00pm the Monday before scheduled Tuesday pickup.

NO TRASH, DIRT AND ROCKS IN VEGETATIVE waste bags. Large branches must be bundled and tied in 4ft. lengths. (Waste bags and bundles may not weigh more than 50lbs).

Recycle Coach App

Recycle Coach: The Township of Bloomfield has partnered with Recycle Coach to help residents reduce waste and become better recyclers. The Recycle Coach App is available for FREE, download on Android and iPhone.

For a full 2021 recycling calendar click [here](#).

May Council Meetings

Due to multiple Executive Orders declared by Governor Murphy and in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19, the Monday, May 10, 2021 Conference Meeting and the Monday, May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting will both be hybrid meetings beginning at 7pm and open to the public. The public always has an opportunity to make public comments to the Mayor and Council during public meetings.

The Township Council meetings will be streaming live on Channel 35, (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), YouTube or Facebook Live. A link for the livestream will be posted on the township website, www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

The public will be able to be in person in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, but seating will be limited due to COVID-19. When you are called upon at the meeting, please state your name, address and then your comment. You will have five minutes total to speak.

Or if you choose to call-in during the meeting - please dial in using this number 425-436-6348 Access: 277839#. When you are called upon, please state your name, address and then your comment. You will have five minutes total to speak.

Or if you have a comment or a question, but are not attending the meeting, you may submit it in writing to the Township Clerk at twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. The Municipal Clerk will read on the record your question or comment during the public comment portion of the meeting. You should submit your name, address and state your question or comment. Submissions will be accepted until 6:45pm on the day of the meeting.

The agenda as well as supporting resolutions and ordinances can be found on the township website.

Any questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office at 973-680-4015 during regular business hours 8:30am-4:30pm.

Important Upcoming Election Dates

Wed., May 5 is the Bloomfield Civil Rights Commission's Virtual Voter Information Event for the Upcoming Primary Election, 7pm. Check Township Website for Details.

Tues., May 18 is the Last Day to Register to Vote or Transfer Voter Registration for Primary Election (Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, Town Hall, is open 8:30am-9pm this day).

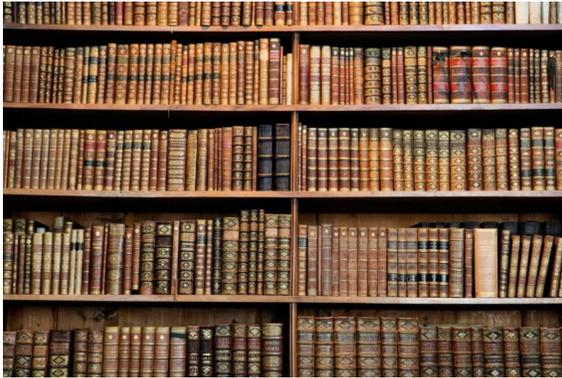
Tues., June 1 is the Last Day to Apply for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for the Primary Election.

Tues., June 8 is Primary Election Day. Polls open 6am to 8am.



Bloomfield VFW Post 711 Looking for New Members!

Bloomfield VFW Post 711 is eagerly looking for active members to join our post. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The meetings are at the post 369 Broughton Ave. Bloomfield, NJ 07003. If interested in joining please bring a copy of your DD-214 for verification purposes.



Bloomfield Public Library

5/12 @ 6pm - Free Concert on Zoom - History of Blues in America with Joey Leone

Virtual Cookbook Club - 5/15 @ 11am via zoom. Zoom link and RSVP on our website

5/25 @ 6:30pm - in person socially distanced outside, weather permitting - otherwise via zoom. You Don't Belong Here: How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War by Elizabeth Becker.

<< LINK>>>>>>>> <https://www.bplnj.org/cookbook-club-event-sign-up>

Monday night book club to meet in June, read The Golem & The Jinni by Helene Wecker

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS on FACEBOOK:

Spanish Storytime Mondays at 11

Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 11

PreK Storytime Wednesdays at 11

Baby Storytime Thursdays at 11

Craft Time Fridays at 11

SPECIAL VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Storytime Boogie Wednesday 5/5 at 11am

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS:

After-school Books & Snacks for grades K-12, every Tuesday from 3-5 in the courtyard or inside the main entrance, depending on weather. Students can come grab a snack and request/pickup library materials on-the-spot.

Stay tuned for ongoing details regarding outdoor Storytime events as we welcome the warmer weather!

Essex County Lawn Bowling Club kicks off their 2021 season in Watsessing Park

Want to learn a new sport while enjoying the outdoors? Then lawn bowling is the sport for you...it is easy to learn but a



challenge to master!

We are excited to start our bowling season this year on May 3, 2021 on a newly renovated green that was re-done last year by the Essex County Parks Department. We have evening bowling available from 6pm to 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, every week until the end of September. We also play on weekends as well beginning at 10am through November,

weather permitting.

We welcome any newcomers, who are interested in learning a fun sport that offers good exercise and a great way to meet some new people.

For more information, please visit our website at www.njbowls.com. If you have any questions, please contact us at njbowls1924@gmail.com.

Bloomfield Meets the Green Challenge

Thanks to more than 590 residents committing to simple ways to "live greener," Bloomfield has met its Green Challenge goal of 2.5% of households participating and will be able to use this effort toward applying for Sustainable Jersey's Bronze certification. Results showed on average more than 98% of participants are either already practicing environmentally friendly habits or plan to do so in the future. While the initial goal has been met, residents are still encouraged to take part by signing on at <https://tinyurl.com/BloomfieldGreenChallenge>. Residents age 18 and older are eligible to sign. Challenge form will be open through May 31.



Successful Town-wide Cleanup

More than 500 Bloomfield residents came together on Saturday for a day of volunteering to help further beautify the township. Mayor Venezia as well as members of the Town Council participated in the town-wide cleanup of neighborhoods in more than 70 locations throughout Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield DPW provided all materials to the volunteers, including gloves, containers, masks, garbage pickers, bags and picked up materials, filled bags, and debris at the end of the cleanup.

While some residents gathered as individuals, many joined with community organizations to participate in the event. Some of these groups included multiple Girl Scout troops, Boy Scouts Troop 22, Bloomfield College, UNICO, Neighbor to Neighbor Network, Kiwanis of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, the Bloomfield High School Key Club, and Bloomfield Middle School Builders Club, and Student Council.

Human Services is Here to Help!

Call Bloomfield Human Services if you need help with back rent, mortgage, utilities, food, prescriptions, or health insurance. Experienced social workers will provide an in person or virtual screening and help any residents who meet eligibility criteria with applications for an assortment of assistance programs. We also help seniors who are in need of Medicaid, Medicare, or home health aides. Human Services social workers can be reached at 973 680 4017. ([English](#) and [Spanish](#) Flyer)



Bloomfield College Nursing Programs Earn Top Rankings in New Jersey

RegisteredNursing.org recently recognized Bloomfield College as #9 out of 46 New Jersey higher education institutions in its ranking of the “Best Nursing Programs in New Jersey.” The nursing organization also ranked the College’s RN to BSN program as #4 in the state.

“The College is renowned for the excellence of their nursing candidates - graduates continue to be leaders in generalist nurse competencies and lifelong learners,” reads the posting on the [RegisteredNursing.org](https://www.registerednursing.org) website.

Bloomfield College’s Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing, which offers the [Bachelor of Science in Nursing \(BSN\)](#) and an [RN to BSN Accelerated Degree](#) program for Registered Nurses (RNs), is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The BSN program boasts a 94 percent licensure exam pass rate.

“We are thrilled to receive this nursing program recognition from our nursing colleagues at RegisteredNursing.org,” said Frances Figueroa Mal, D.M.H., M.A., RN-BC, chairperson of Bloomfield College’s Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing. “Our hybrid format combining in-person and online course options and accelerated sessions with flexible course offerings allow students to maintain a healthy balance between work and academics.”

Prospective nursing students are encouraged to learn more about Bloomfield College’s convenient nursing program course scheduling by contacting Jorge Fernandez, assistant director of admission, at jorge_fernandez@bloomfield.edu or 973-748-9000, ext. 1222.

As one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the nation, Bloomfield College also takes pride in its student community, more than half of who identify themselves as first-generation college students. Bloomfield College is the only New Jersey institution to be recognized as both a Predominantly Black Institution and a Hispanic Serving Institution, and is also a Minority Serving Institution. Located in historic Bloomfield, New Jersey, just 15 miles from New York City, a cultural epicenter for entertainment, business, and internship and career opportunities, Bloomfield College offers the lowest full-time tuition rate for any private four-year college or university in New Jersey.

RegisteredNursing.org is dedicated to promoting excellence in nursing by enabling future and current nurses with the education and employment resources they need to succeed. The methodology for its analysis incorporated a 100-point system to produce its ranking of undergraduate nursing programs. For more information on their methodology, visit <https://www.registerednursing.org/rankings-methodology/>.

Bloomfield College Receives \$50,000 Netvue Program Development Grant

Bloomfield College is one of 20 institutions nationwide selected to receive a 2021 Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Program Development Grant through the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). The two-year \$50,000 grant award, to be used between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2023, will supplement Bloomfield College's current initiatives toward deepening vocational exploration and discernment in its undergraduate student population.

Through the grant, faculty will develop and implement a new 200-level course, Ignite Your Passion: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Vocational Exploration, providing students the foundation necessary to create purposeful academic planning for a fulfilling career path. The course will encourage students to explore vocation with curiosity to determine how it differs from a career and to create a pathway through discernment of self, examination of experiences and passions, and the setting of goals. In addition, faculty and staff workshops and reading groups on the role of vocational exploration across institutional contexts will ensure that the College maintains a sustainable vocational program following the end of the grant period as required.

"The NetVUE Program Development Grant will support an outstanding collaboration between faculty in different disciplines, our Center for Student Success, Spiritual Life, and the Center for Academic Advising and Career Engagement to significantly strengthen and expand vocational exploration for students through curricular and co-curricular programming," said Michael A. Palladino, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Guidelines for NetVUE Program Development Grants stipulate that NetVUE member institutions may request amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for use over two years to deepen, expand or otherwise strengthen existing programs that are already underway and supported by the institution. Grants are awarded based on proposals that explain (a) the purpose and goals of the proposed activities and their relationship to the ongoing vocational exploration program of the institution, (b) the extent of institutional support for vocational exploration efforts to date, (c) the proposed enhancements to the program, and (d) the ways in which the NetVUE-supported program would be sustained by the institution after the grant period.

"The high level of interest in the Program Development Grants reflects the deep commitment of NetVUE member colleges and universities to vocational exploration in undergraduate education. Grant applicants proposed a wide range of demonstrably effective strategies for building campus capacity in this regard," said Richard Ekman, CIC president. "My colleagues at CIC and I congratulate you on receipt of this grant, and we look forward to following your progress during the coming two years."

NetVUE Program Development Grants are made possible thanks to generous financial support to the Council of Independent Colleges by Lilly Endowment Inc. CIC is an association of nonprofit independent colleges and universities that has worked since 1956 to support college and university leadership; advance institutional excellence; and enhance public understanding of private higher education's contributions to society.

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