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Dear Forum Members,

Welcome to Charlotte and to Davidson College. We are very pleased to co-host the Forum's sixth annual conference.

Davidson shares the Forum's commitment to international experiences as an integral part of a twenty-first century education. Sixty-five percent of our students study abroad for academic credit. Another fifteen percent travel abroad for research or service activities. We could not send this many students abroad for such a diverse range of experiences without the Forum. If it takes a village to raise a young person, it takes an organization like this one to provide a young person with a global education. By establishing standards for study abroad programs, improving curricula for faculty, and encouraging best practices for administrators, the Forum supports the continued growth of a wide range of high-quality opportunities for education abroad.

Thank you for the important work that you will do here and continue to do on your home campuses. Indeed, there has never been a time when your work has been more important than it is today. As someone who understands how powerfully international education shapes the culture of an entire institution, I'm honored to welcome you to our community.

Best regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TWR".

Thomas W. Ross
President
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