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Dear Colleague,

During the CCID annual conference in Jacksonville, the CCID President's trip to the Dominican Republic was discussed. Daytona Beach Community College (DBCC) will be sponsoring this trip scheduled for May 24-June 2, 2006. The program schedule includes several activities with high level government officials in education and economic development among others, including President Leonel Fernández. We will also visit the site for the first community college in the Dominican Republic and other educational institutions. Finally, we will tour various locations of outstanding natural beauty and learn about the Dominican people and their culture.

The costs of the 10-day trip to the Dominican Republic will be approximately US\$2,000 which includes the registration fee (\$850), tourist cards, meals, entrance fees and other incidentals, but not airfare. We have estimated that the entire trip can cost approximately US\$3,000 which would include airfare, as well as the other items listed above. We will arrange for optional activities with cost estimates depending on your interests, including an extended weekend at the end of the trip for further exploration.

If you would like to join us and learn more about the Dominican Republic please visit the following website <http://ccid.kirkwood.cc.ia.us/calendar/presvisits/domrep.htm>. We are currently working on an online application which will be posted to this website shortly and it is our goal to have everyone registered by April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 so that we can confirm the number of participants in order to arrange for the various activities. If you have any additional questions or need further information about the trip, please call Yvette Lopez at (386) 506-3683. The registration fee is \$850.00.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the Dominican Republic!

Saludos,

Kent Sharples  
President  
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