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Success through Governor's School

Tessie O. Barnes Bacon, an associate with CowanGates PC Richmond, VA, started her success here at Southside Virginia Community College. Ms. Barnes participated in The Governor's School of Southside Virginia while attending Central of Lunenburg High School. Governor's Schools give gifted students academic and visual and performing arts opportunities beyond those normally available in the students' home school. The students of The Governor's School undergo a rigorous curriculum that allows them to have a strong college prep experience.

Ms. Bacon was able to complete forty-five (45) college credit hours even before graduating high school. "In Governor's School, I learned how to study and more importantly, time management skills that

prepared me to continue my education at the University of Virginia". Ms. Bacon stated that her experience at Governor's school gave her valuable contacts as she continued her college matriculation. Another advantage of completing



forty-five hours of credits was that she was able to register first for classes that normally filled up quickly in the Business Department at UVA. While attending UVA, Ms. Bacon was named to Beta Gamma Sigma, an honor society for business majors. She graduated magna cum

laude in 2008 from the T.C. Williams of Law of the University of Richmond.

Currently, Ms. Bacon is a member of CowanGates's civil and commercial litigation team and is the town attorney for Crewe, Virginia.