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Dr. Sharnnia Artis, a native of Chesapeake, Virginia, is an author, researcher, engineer, world traveler, and speaker. Dr. Artis' Foundation for extraordinaire was established in the public schools of Portsmouth and Chesapeake, Virginia, where she graduated in the top one percent of her high school class with a 4.2 grade point average and over \$100,000 in scholarships and awards for the college of her choice.

After high school, Dr. Artis attended Virginia Tech to pursue a degree in engineering. She graduated with her Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in industrial and systems engineering. She served as president of the Virginia Tech Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Theta Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and president and national public relations chairperson of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Additionally, Dr. Artis was the recipient of many honors and accolades, the most recent honors being NSBE's Graduate Student of the Year, Virginia Tech's Graduate Woman of the Year, National TRIO Achiever, and a top ten finalist in the Miss Virginia USA pageant.

Aside from her educational achievements and accolades, Dr. Artis is an avid traveler. She has journeyed internationally to present her research, give inspirational talks, and explore and embrace the cultural differences of Canada, Mexico, The Bahamas, France, Italy, Belgium, and three countries in the Motherland—Ghana, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Currently, Dr. Artis is a human factors engineer for a consulting firm outside in Dayton, Ohio and the author of *Moving from Ordinary to Extraordinary: The Teen's Guide to High School Success*. Dr. Artis believes that all things are possible, and is an advocate for promoting and encouraging individuals to be extraordinary and go beyond the ordinary to achieve to their greatest potential.