UT Dallas McDermott Scholars

McDermott Scholar News Archive

• **2017 News**
  - **January 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [The Mercury Wins Top College Journalism Award for 2nd Straight Year](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)

• **2016 News**
  - **December 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [University Celebrates Inauguration of President Richard Benson](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **November 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [Newest Women's Cross Country Dashes Past Foes for First Conference Title](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **August 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [Newest Class of McDermott Scholars Set to Start Fall Semester](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **July 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [Political Science Senior Publishes Book on Teen Homelessness](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **June 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [Goldwater Foundation Recognizes Four Undergraduate Researchers from UT Dallas](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **May 2016**
    - UTD Press Release: [Annual Poster Contest Showcases Undergraduate Research Projects](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)

• **2015 News**
  - **October 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [Study Abroad Programs Provide World of Lessons to Students](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **September 2015**
  - **July 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [McDermott Scholars Exhibit Array of Abilities](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **June 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [Team's 'Minecraft' Modification Gets Ready for Its Next Test](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **May 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [Full Picture of Undergrad Projects Comes into Focus at Poster Contest](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
    - UTD Press Release: [Three to Study Overseas Through Critical Language Scholarships](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **April 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [TEDxUTD Compiles Array of Experts to Speak at Sunday's Event](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
    - UTD Press Release: [Newly Elected President, Vice President Hope to Empower Students](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **February 2015**
    - UTD Press Release: [50 Comets Make League's All-Academic Teams](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)

• **2014 News**
  - **November 2014**
    - UTD Press Release: [Ebola Response Takes Center Stage at Forum](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
  - **October 2014**
    - UTD Press Release: [UT Dallas Team Infuses Polymer Chemistry into 'Minecraft' Modification](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
Students Can Find Vital Details About Schools, Career Prospects with Interactive Tool

September 2014

Moot Court Preparing Students to Make Their Cases after Graduation

UTD Press Release: Criminology Professor Stresses Teaching, Research and Service

July 2014

Undergrads Win Critical Language Scholarships to Study Overseas

Recipient of Outstanding Student Award Is a Leader On, Off Campus

Jindal School Group Collects 10 Awards at National Leadership Conference

June 2014

Young WISE Students Win Scholarships in Program Research Contest

The Mercury: Biker Embarks on Nationwide Trek

May 2014

Contest Recognizes Top Undergrad Research

New Student Leaders Elected on Platform to Increase Campus Spirit

Two UT Dallas Undergraduate Researchers Earn National Science Foundation Awards

April 2014

Goldwater Foundation Recognizes Three Undergrad Researchers

March 2014

Students, Staff Dedicate Spring Break to Serving Others, Social Issues

January 2014

Alumnus Goes Abroad in Search of Breakthrough in Diabetes Research

• 2013 News

September 2013

Students, Professor Explore Sounds of Spain

June 2013

Alumna, McDermott Scholar Wins Top Honor Society Fellowship

• 2012 News

January 2012

Largest Ever Cohort Named to Fall Dean’s List

February 2012

Research is Teaching: Mentors Inspire Lives of Discovery

March 2012

Teams Rank in Top Tier of National Moot Court Challenge

May 2012

Student Champion of Environment Wins Udall Award

2 Undergrad Researchers Win Goldwater Scholarships

Legendary TV Anchor, McDermott Scholars Among Alumni Honored at University's 10th Awards Gala

A Glympse of Graduation: Martin Huynh

February 2012

Tapping Ritual Invites Students to Join Academic Honor Society

November 2012

Dallas Fed Chief Answers Money Questions for Scholars

• 2011 News

December 2011

Efficiency is the Watchword for Business Idea Contest Winners

Phi Kappa Phi Connection Spans Generation

November 2011

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UTD Press Release: Research Scholar Grants Awarded to 70 Undergrads
October 2011
UTD Press Release: Volleyball Team Enters Weekend on 13-Match Streak
August 2011
UVA Website: Grace Bielawski (2007 Scholar) joins the Class of 2014 at The University of Virginia School of Law. Read her story.
May 2011
UTD Press Release: Archer Program Celebrates a Decade of Scholars
UTD Press Release: A Glimpse of Graduation: Dina Shahrokhi
April 2011
UTD Press Release: Two Undergrads Honored As Promising Researchers
UTD Press Release: Sophomore Wins University's First Udall Scholarship

• 2010 News
December 2010
November 2010
UTD Press Release: Moot Court Squad Makes Convincing Case for Itself: UT Dallas Teams Take 1st, 2nd and 4th Place in Regional Tournament
McDermott Scholars: Bielawski, Harris & Niewiarowski
UTD Press Release: Undergraduate Research Projects Receive Funding
McDermott Scholars: Campbell, Do, Raj, Nath & Wong
McDermott Scholars: Versteeg (2009 Scholar) & Mayer (2009 Scholar)
October 2010
UTD Press Release: A Happy Return: Career Decision Rewards Alumnus
(2001 McDermott Scholar)
2005 Grad Enjoys Running a Dallas School and Being a Role Model for Kids
August 2010
UTD Press Release: Swimmer Braves Murky Loch Ness for Charity
McDermott Scholars: Wyder, Palmer & Ratliff
UTD Press Release: Swimmer (and McDermott Scholar) Braves Murky Loch Ness for Charity: Alumna's Relay Team Crosses 23-Mile Lake to Aid Afghan Women and Children
McDermott Scholar: Ramirez
UTD Press Release: 2 UT Dallas Scholars Win Regents' Teaching Awards (Both McDermott Faculty Members)
UTD Press Release: McDermott Faculty Member Conveys Enthusiasm for Economics - Piñeres' Goal is to Teach Sound Decision-Making, in Classroom and in Life
July 2010
UTD Press Release: Student Works to Help Lou Gehrig's Disease Patients
McDermott Scholar Spends Summer Assisting Research Team in Ireland
UTD Press Release: McDermott Students Partner With Elementary School to Improve Test Scores
June 2010
UTD Press Release: UT Dallas Fulbright Winner is Headed to Egypt to Study Women’s Rights and Arabic Language
UTD Press Release: McDermott Scholars Mark a Decade of Excellence

May 2010
UTD Press Release: Spring 2010 Graduation-- Samia Hossain and Megan Newman both spoke at their ceremonies. Visit the Spring 2010 Graduation website to see more.

April 2010
UTD Press Release: Award Funds Student’s Particle Physics Research

February 2010
UTD Press Release: Student Gives His Wits a Workout on ‘Jeopardy’

• 2009 News

July 2009
UTD Press Release: Student Television Station is Ready for Prime Time: Internet-Based Venture Set to Launch with Campus News Show on Aug. 28.
UTD Press Release: Staffer to Help Lead Undergrad Scholars Association: Group Shares Info on Operating Similar Programs at Other Universities.

June 2009

May 2009
UTD Press Release: Four of the nine graduation speakers were McDermott Scholars - Sara Clingan, Jessica Harpham, Felicity Lenes, Bradley Wallace. Read their speeches.
UTD Press Release: Dr. Magaly Spector, vice president for diversity and community engagement, helped celebrate the spirit of service exemplified by UT Dallas participants in the service program created by the federal Council on Service and Civic Participation. David Binde, Felicity Lenes, and Molly Wurzer, all 2005 Scholars, were honored at this ceremony.

April 2009
UTD Press Release: Austin Swafford, a molecular biology major, will pursue a Ph.D. at NIH and Oxford or Cambridge.
UTD Press Release: Congratulations to two McDermott Scholars who were recently named as Goldwater Scholars: Mary Gurak and Alex Palmer. Read their story.

• 2008 News

November 2008
UTD Press Release: Program to Fund 45 Research Projects Proposed by Undergraduates
Congratulations to seven McDermott Scholars who received the award this semester: Bryan Thompson, Thomas Krenik, Austin Swafford, Jessie Harpham, Alexander Palmer, Felicity Lenes, and Chanel Matney.

October 2008
UTD Press Release: International Political Economy Degrees Unveiled
Samia Hossain (2006 Scholar) is working towards a bachelor’s in International Political Economy. Courses from her semester abroad in Malaysia will count toward her concentration in Asia and the Middle East.

July 2008
UTD Press Release: DART Patrons Have New Place to Relax, Courtesy of 2004 McDermott Scholars and the Alumni Fund! Read the UTD press release!

June 2008

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UTD Press Release: Undergrad Puts the Heat on Cancer Cells

Austin: Swafford (2005 Scholar) Co-Authors Paper on Nanotube and Antibody Treatment.

UTD Press Release: Grace Bielawski, 2007 Scholar, has been chosen to assume the recently vacated Student Government (SG) vice presidency.

May 2008
Alumni Spotlight: Rachel Markowitz

UTD Press Release: U. T. Dallas Names Eighth Class of Eugene McDermott Scholars

April 2008
UTD Press Release: Student is First UT Dallas Undergrad to Win Fulbright

Rachel Markowitz (2004 Scholar) won the Fulbright Award!

UTD Press Release: UTD honors students for leadership and involvement. Kaitlin Butler, 2006 Scholar, works endless hours for Radio UTD -- which received the Golden Comet Award.

UTD Press Release: Lelia Gowland (2004 Scholar) wins the UTD Ring Award.

UTD Press Release: Texas Senate Staffers Meet UT Dallas Innovators and Students

Jessie Harpham and Molly Wurzer (2005 Scholars), along with other UT Dallas students, met with the Austin visitors to discuss the reasons they elected to enroll in UT Dallas and their plans for the future.

UTD Press Release: UT Dallas Student Wins Critical Language Scholarship

Molly Wurzer (2005 Scholar) was awarded a US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship. Molly will study Arabic in Tunisia during summer 2008.

UTD Press Release: Second UT Dallas Student Wins Goldwater Scholarship

Austin Swafford (2005 Scholar) was named a Goldwater Scholar!

January 2008
UTD Press Release: Green Light Given to 21 Undergrad Research Ideas

Kerri West (2004 Scholar) and Austin Swafford (2005 Scholar) received undergraduate research funding.

• 2007 News
August 2007
UTD Press Release: Museum of Nature & Science First: UT Dallas Students, Faculty Contribute to Exhibit Content

UTD Transcript: Iris Kwong's Summer '07 Graduation Speech

June 2007
UTD Transcript: Fern Yoon's Spring '07 Graduation Speech

Regina Leader-Post: Student accepts $125,000 scholarship

UTD Press Release: Molly Seeligson Named New Director of UT Dallas' Eugene McDermott Scholars Program

May 2007
UTD Press Release: U. T. Dallas Names Seventh Class of Eugene McDermott Scholars

Spring 2007
McDermott Newsletter: 2007 spring semester

• 2006 News
November 2006
UTD Press Release and Dallas Morning News article: '02 Scholar Sophie Rutenbar wins the Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study in the UK. Sophie was recently featured in an article in the Dallas Morning News.

October 2006
McDermott Newsletter: 2006 fall semester

May 2006
McDermott Newsletter: 2006 spring semester
UTD Press Release: U. T. Dallas Names Sixth Class of Eugene McDermott Scholars.

- **2005 News**
  - November 2005
    McDermott Newsletter: [2005 fall semester](#).
  - August 2005
  - April 2005
    McDermott Newsletter: [2005 spring semester](#)
  - March 2005
    UTD Press Release: Sophie Rutenbar Becomes U. T. Dallas' First Truman Scholarship Winner

- **2001-2004 News**
  - March 2004
    UTD Press Release: U. T. Dallas Unveils Fourth Class of Eugene McDermott Scholars
  - January 2004
    The Dallas Morning News: Students flourish at UTD - "College recruits district grads for prestigious scholars program" (1/8/2004)
  - April 2003
    UTD Press Release: University Of Texas At Dallas Names the Third Class Of Eugene McDermott Scholars
  - March 2002
    UTD Press Release: Second Class of Eugene McDermott Scholars Named By The University of Texas at Dallas
    The Dallas Morning News: "Student scholars make impact at UTD" (3/10/2002)
  - April 2001
    UTD Press Release: First Group of Eugene McDermott Scholars Named By The University of Texas at Dallas