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UTD Press Release: 2 Undergrad Researchers Win Goldwater Scholarships
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November 2012

UTD Press Release: Dallas Fed Chief Answers Money Questions for Scholars

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UTD Press Release: Efficiency is the Watchword for Business Idea Contest Winners

UTD Press Release: Phi Kappa Phi Connection Spans Generation
November 2011

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 Univeristy of Virgina 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

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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

UTD Press Release: Students Negotiate International Issues at Event
Model U.N. Chapter Celebrates 2 Best Delegation Awards, 1 Best Position Paper
McDermott Scholars: Versteeg (2009 Scholar) & Mayer (2009 Scholar)

October 2010

UTD Press Release: A Happy Return: Career Decision Rewards Alumnus

UTD Press Release: A Happy Return: Career Decision Rewards Alumnus (and 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

UTD Press Release: Creative Competition is No Match for UT Dallas Teams
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 Announcing the 2010 Eugene McDermott Scholars

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 Bindel, 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**


**June 2008**


UTD Press Release: [Grace Bielawski](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf), 2007 Scholar, has been chosen to assume the recently vacated Student Government (SG) vice presidency.

**May 2008**

Alumni Spotlight: [Rachel Markowitz](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)

UTD Press Release: U. T. Dallas Names [Eighth Class](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf) of Eugene McDermott Scholars

**April 2008**

UTD Press Release: [Student is First UT Dallas Undergrad to Win Fulbright](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
Rachel Markowitz (2004 Scholar) won the [Fulbright Award](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)!

UTD Press Release: [UDT honors students for leadership and involvement](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf). Kaitlin Butler, 2006 Scholar, works endless hours for Radio UTD -- which received the Golden Comet Award.


UTD Press Release: [Texas Senate Staffers Meet UT Dallas Innovators and Students](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
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](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
Molly Wurzer (2005 Scholar) was awarded a [US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf). Molly will study Arabic in Tunisia during summer 2008.

UTD Press Release: [Second UT Dallas Student Wins Goldwater Scholarship](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
Austin Swafford (2005 Scholar) was named a [Goldwater Scholar](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf).

**January 2008**

UTD Press Release: Green Light Given to 21 [Undergrad Research Ideas](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)
Kerri West (2004 Scholar) and Austin Swafford (2005 Scholar) received undergraduate research funding.

- [2007 News](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//mcdermott/media/news-archive/makepdf)

August 2007
UTD Press Release: Museum of Nature & Science First: UTD 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