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UTD Press Release: Legendary TV Anchor, McDermott Scholars Among Alumni Honored at University’s 10th Awards Gala

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UTD Press Release: Tapping Ritual Invites Students to Join Academic Honor Society

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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
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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: Undergraduate Research Projects Receive Funding
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2005 Grad Enjoys Running a Dallas School and Being a Role Model for Kids

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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: UTD 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.

UTD Press Release: Office of Research's third annual Undergraduate Research Poster Competition. [Read 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.

UTD Press Release: [Alumna Makes Big Waves With Channel Crossing](#): Solo Swim is Just the Latest Feat for School's 1st Truman and Marshall Scholar.

June 2009
UTD Press Release: Elite Scholars Prepare for 4-Year Scholarly Voyage: [18 Uniquely Accomplished Students Chosen for 2009 McDermott Group](#).

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 I, 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
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
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  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
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  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**
    Los Alamos National Laboratory's *Daily News Bulletin*: McDermott scholars tour LANSCE, other Lab facilities (8/10/2005)
  - **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