The 2016 McDermott Scholars

The 2016 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 15 men with 10 students from Texas, 16 from 15 other states, and 1 from the Netherlands. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1543. 23 of the 27 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program, 5 were high school valedictorians, and 6 were Presidential Scholar candidates. Click here to read more about the ’16 Scholars.

Mr. Samee Ahmad

Hometown: Vienna, VA
High School: George C. Marshall High School
Major: International Political Economy
Mr. Kermit Alexander II

**Hometown:** Jones, OK  
**High School:** Home School  
**Major:** Computer Science

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Mr. Ben Allsup

**Hometown:** Windsor, CO  
**High School:** Fossil Ridge High School  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

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Mr. Thomas Crain

**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**High School:** Liberal Arts and Science Academy  
**Major:** Computer Science
Mr. Mark De Los Santos

**Hometown:** Arlington, TX  
**High School:** Nolan Catholic High School  
**Major:** Molecular Biology

Ms. Lexi de Montfort Shepherd

**Hometown:** Reno, NV  
**High School:** Sage Ridge School  
**Major:** Biology

Ms. Mackenzie Flynn

**Hometown:** Stillman Valley, IL  
**High School:** Stillman Valley High School  
**Major:** Major: Undeclared
Ms. Ann-Cathrin Guertler

**Hometown:** Rochester, MI  
**High School:** International Academy  
**Major:** Undeclared

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Mr. Logan Harless

**Hometown:** Brunssum, Netherlands  
**High School:** AFNORTH International School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

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Ms. Sara Hartke

**Hometown:** Chugiak, AK  
**High School:** Chugiak High School  
**Major:** Undeclared
Ms. Kinnari Karia
Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA
High School: Linn-Mar High School
Major: Biology

Ms. Veronica Liu
Hometown: Niskayuna, NY
High School: Niskayuna High School
Major: Arts and Technology & Computer Science

Mr. Benjamin Lunday
Hometown: Rhome, TX
High School: Texas Academy Math and Science
Major: Physics
Mr. Carson Lutterloh

Hometown: Puyallup, WA  
High School: Governor J. R. Rogers High School  
Major: Computer Science

Mr. Kevin Ong

Hometown: Plano, TX  
High School: Texas Academy Math and Science  
Major: Electrical Engineering

Ms. Abby Plump

Hometown: Haubstadt, IN  
High School: Signature School  
Major: Actuarial Science & Mathematics
Ms. Nikitha Prattipati

**Hometown:** Vestavia, AL  
**High School:** Vestavia Hills High School  
**Major:** Psychology

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Mr. Brad Ritschel

**Hometown:** Whippany, NJ  
**High School:** Whippany Park High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering & Electrical Engineering

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Mr. Benny Rubanov

**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Plano West Senior High School  
**Major:** Undeclared
Ms. Sarah Samuel  
**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Liberty High School  
**Major:** Biology

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Mr. Areeb Siddiqui  
**Hometown:** Murphy, TX  
**High School:** Plano East Senior High School  
**Major:** Political Science & FinanceEconomics

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Mr. Brian Wei  
**Hometown:** Allen, TX  
**High School:** Plano Senior High School  
**Major:** Computer Engineering
Ms. Sarah Whipple

Hometown: Sacramento, CA  
High School: C. K. McClatchy High School  
Major: International Political Economy

Ms. Stephanie White

Hometown: San Diego, CA  
High School: Del Norte High School  
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Danni Yang

Hometown: Houston, TX & Natchitoches, LA  
High School: Louisiana School For Math, Science, and the Arts  
Major: Neuroscience