The 2018 McDermott Scholars

The 2018 class of Scholars is made up of 9 women and 7 men, with 7 students from Texas and 9 from 8 other states. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1560, and 11 of the 16 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program.

Julia LaFond

**Hometown:** Spring Branch, TX  
**High School:** Smithson Valley High School  
**Major:** Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Solvay Linde

Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: School for the Talented and Gifted
Major: Computer Science

Snipata Mallick

Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Texas Academy of Math and Science
Major: Healthcare Studies

Patricia Mathu

Hometown: Whitefish Bay, WI
High School: Whitefish Bay High School
Major: Undeclared
Evan Meade

Hometown: San Antonio, TX  
High School: Keystone School  
Major: Physics

Navnit Mohan

Hometown: Plano, TX  
High School: Plano Senior High School  
Major: Neuroscience

Jake Munch

Hometown: El Cajon, CA  
High School: Valhalla High School  
Major: Biochemistry
Zach Neiger

**Hometown:** Merrick, NY  
**High School:** Sanford H. Calhoun High School  
**Major:** Software Engineering

Patrick Nnoromele

**Hometown:** Richmond, KY  
**High School:** Model Laboratory School  
**Major:** Molecular Biology

Michelle Patten

**Hometown:** Sammamish, WA  
**High School:** The Bear Creek School  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering
Annika Russell  
**Hometown:** La Cañada, CA  
**High School:** La Cañada High School  
**Major:** Cognitive Science

Kannan Sharma  
**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**High School:** St. Mark's School of Texas  
**Major:** Cognitive Science

Anja Sheppard  
**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, NC  
**High School:** North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics  
**Major:** Computer Science
Anna Straughan

**Hometown:** Arvada, CO  
**High School:** Ralston Valley High School  
**Major:** Molecular Biology

Ben Wise

**Hometown:** Decatur, GA  
**High School:** Marist School  
**Major:** Visual and Performing Art

Safiyah Zaidi

**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**High School:** McNeil High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience