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

Mr. Ben Allsup

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

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:** Undeclared
Ms. Ann-Cathrin Guertler

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

Mr. Logan Harless

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

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. Antonio Mendiola

Hometown: McKinney, TX  
High School: Heritage High School  
Major: Computer Science & Cognitive 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

Mr. Samir Rahi
Hometown: Sugar Land, TX
High School: William P. Clements High School
Major: Electrical Engineering
Mr. Brad Ritschel

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

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
Mr. Areeb Siddiqui

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

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