The 2017 McDermott Scholars
The 2017 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 11 men with 10 students from Texas, and 13 from 11 other states. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1563. 20 of the 23 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program, 5 were high school valedictorians, 2 were high school salutatorians, and 5 were Presidential Scholar candidates.
Ms. Priya Agrawal

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**High School:** Greenhill School  
**Major:** Biology, Comparative Literature
Ms. Ruqiya Barreh

**Hometown:** Austin, TX
**High School:** Harmony School of Political Science
**Major:** Neuroscience
Mr. Cameron Bossalini

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**High School:** St. Mark's School of Texas  
**Major:** Electrical Engineering
Mr. John Davis

**Hometown:** Round Rock, TX  
**High School:** Round Rock High School  
**Major:** Biology
Mr. Teni Fayiga

**Hometown:** Frisco, TX  
**High School:** Home School  
**Major:** Arts and Technology, Computer Science
Mr. Chirag Gokani

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**High School:** St. Mark's School of Texas  
**Major:** Physics
Mr. Zach Greenberg

**Hometown:** Culver City, CA
**High School:** Culver City High School
**Major:** Physics
Ms. Elizabeth Helfrich

Hometown: Bloomfield, MI
High School: International Academy
Major: Healthcare Studies
Ms. Jennifer Jenks

Hometown: Aurora, IA
High School: Linn Mar High School
Major: Neuroscience
Ms. Bethany Kasprzyk

Hometown: Gilbert, AZ
High School: Chandler Preparatory Academy
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Mr. Christian Kondor

**Hometown:** Seminole, FL  
**High School:** Largo High School  
**Major:** Physics
Ms. Taylor Kyes

Hometown: Gainesville, FL
High School: Eastside High School
Major: Marketing
Mr. Yilong Peng

Hometown: Austin, TX

High School: Vandegrift High School

Major: Biology, Psychology
Mr. Alex Polednik

**Hometown:** Broomfield, CO  
**High School:** Legacy High School  
**Major:** Computer Engineering
Ms. Carla Ramazan

Hometown: Reno, NV
High School: Sage Ridge School
Major: Undeclared
Ms. Stephanie Royer

**Hometown:** Tulsa, OK  
**High School:** Union High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience
Ms. Anna Schaeffer

**Hometown:** Strongsville, OH  
**High School:** Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy  
**Major:** Undeclared
Mr. Rohit Shenoy

**Hometown:** Chandler, AZ  
**High School:** Hamilton High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering
Mr. Evan Sun

**Hometown:** Round Lake, IL

**High School:** Illinois Math and Science Academy

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering
Ms. Roma Venkateswaran

**Hometown:** North Potomac, MD  
**High School:** Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School  
**Major:** Visual and Performing Arts
Ms. Nikitha Vicas

Hometown: Coppell, TX
High School: Coppell High School
Major: Neuroscience
Ms. Alexis Vu

**Hometown:** Prosper, TX

**High School:** Prosper High School

**Major:** Computer Engineering
Mr. Austin Williams

**Hometown:** McKinney, TX  
**High School:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering