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

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Mr. Chirag Gokani

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

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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

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Mr. Rohit Shenoy

**Hometown:** Chandler, AZ  
**High School:** Hamilton High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

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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