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

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Mr. Cameron Bossalini

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

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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