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.

The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program at The University of Texas at Dallas
Ms. Julia LaFond
Hometown: Spring Branch, TX
High School: Smithson Valley High School
Major: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Ms. Solvay Linde
Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: School for the Talented and Gifted
Major: Computer Science

Ms. Snipta Mallick
Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Texas Academy of Math and Science
Major: Healthcare Studies
Ms. Patricia Mathu

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

Mr. Evan Meade

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

Mr. Navnit Mohan

Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Plano Senior High School
Major: Neuroscience
Mr. Jake Munch
Hometown: El Cajon, CA
High School: Valhalla High School
Major: Biochemistry

Mr. Zach Neiger
Hometown: Merrick, NY
High School: Sanford H. Calhoun High School
Major: Software Engineering

Mr. Patrick Nnoromele
Hometown: Richmond, KY
High School: Model Laboratory School
Major: Molecular Biology
Ms. Michelle Patten
Hometown: Sammamish, WA
High School: The Bear Creek School
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Ms. Annika Russell
Hometown: La Cañada, CA
High School: La Cañada High School
Major: Cognitive Science

Mr. Kannan Sharma
Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark's School of Texas
Major: Cognitive Science
Ms. Anja Sheppard

Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC
High School: North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Major: Computer Science

Ms. Anna Straughan

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

Mr. Ben Wise

Hometown: Decatur, GA
High School: Marist School
Major: Visual and Performing Art
Ms. Safiyah Zaidi

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