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.
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