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