The 2019 McDermott Scholars

The 2019 class of Scholars is made up of 9 women and 9 men with 11 students from Texas, 6 from out of state, and 1 from Bangladesh. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1560, and 15 of the 18 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program.
Ms. Cady Baltz
Hometown: Germantown, TN
High School: Houston High School
Major: Computer Science

Mr. Taylor Crockett
Hometown: Allen, TX
High School: Allen High School
Major: Undecided

Mr. Harrison Dal Ponte
Hometown: Tucson, AZ
High School: BASIS Oro Valley
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Ms. Lydia Grant
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
High School: Turpin High School
Major: Electrical Engineering

Ms. Areeba Hafeez
Hometown: Southlake, TX
High School: Carroll Senior High School
Major: Biology

Mr. Elijah Harbut
Hometown: Huntington Woods, MI
High School: International Academy
Major: Biochemistry
Ms. Paulina Hruskoci
Hometown: Shrewsbury, MA
High School: Shrewsbury High School
Major: Political Science

Mr. Pratik Koppikar
Hometown: Coppell, TX
High School: Coppell High School
Major: Molecular Biology

Mr. Avirut Mehta
Hometown: Sugar Land, TX
High School: William P. Clements High School
Major: Undecided
Mr. Bhaash Pathak
Hometown: Irving, TX
High School: Coppell High School
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Neha Philip
Hometown: Lewisville, TX
High School: Hebron High School
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Cari Reinert
Hometown: Wylie, TX
High School: Texas Academy of Math and Science
Major: Undecided
Ms. Anna Scully  
**Hometown:** Keller, TX  
**High School:** Central High School  
**Major:** Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

---

Mr. Ted Shi  
**Hometown:** Overland Park, KS  
**High School:** Blue Valley Southwest High School  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

---

Ms. Katie Strand  
**Hometown:** Frisco, TX  
**High School:** Independence High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering
Mr. Khalid Hossain Tawohid
Hometown: Dhaka, Bangladesh
High School: UCSI International School Springhill
Major: Computer Science

Ms. Vivian Tran
Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: Westwood High School
Major: Biochemistry

Mr. Varun Venkat
Hometown: Frisco, TX
High School: Independence High School
Major: Electrical Engineering