The 2016 McDermott Scholars

The 2016 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 15 men with 10 students from Texas, 16 from 15 other states, and 1 from the Netherlands. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1543. 23 of the 27 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program, 5 were high school valedictorians, and 6 were Presidential Scholar candidates. Click here to read more about the ’16 Scholars.

Mr. Samee Ahmad
Hometown: Vienna, VA
High School: George C. Marshall High School
Major: International Political Economy

Mr. Kermit Alexander II
Hometown: Jones, OK
High School: Home School
Major: Computer Science

Mr. Ben Allsup
Hometown: Windsor, CO
High School: Fossil Ridge High School
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Mr. Thomas Crain
Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: Liberal Arts and Science Academy
Major: Computer Science

Mr. Mark De Los Santos
Hometown: Arlington, TX
High School: Nolan Catholic High School
Major: Molecular Biology
Ms. Lexi de Montfort Shepherd  
**Hometown:** Reno, NV  
**High School:** Sage Ridge School  
**Major:** Biology

Ms. Mackenzie Flynn  
**Hometown:** Stillman Valley, IL  
**High School:** Stillman Valley High School  
**Major:** Undeclared

Ms. Ann-Cathrin Guertler  
**Hometown:** Rochester, MI  
**High School:** International Academy  
**Major:** Undeclared

Mr. Logan Harless  
**Hometown:** Brunssum, Netherlands  
**High School:** AFNORTH International School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

Ms. Sara Hartke  
**Hometown:** Chugiak, AK  
**High School:** Chugiak High School  
**Major:** Undeclared

Ms. Kinnari Karia  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids, IA  
**High School:** Linn-Mar High School  
**Major:** Biology

Ms. Veronica Liu  
**Hometown:** Niskayuna, NY  
**High School:** Niskayuna High School  
**Major:** Arts and Technology & Computer Science
Mr. Benjamin Lunday
Hometown: Rhome, TX
High School: Texas Academy Math and Science
Major: Physics

Mr. Carson Lutterloh
Hometown: Puyallup, WA
High School: Governor J. R. Rogers High School
Major: Computer Science

Mr. Antonio Mendiola
Hometown: McKinney, TX
High School: Heritage High School
Major: Computer Science & Cognitive Science

Mr. Kevin Ong
Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Texas Academy Math and Science
Major: Electrical Engineering

Ms. Abby Plump
Hometown: Haubstadt, IN
High School: Signature School
Major: Actuarial Science & Mathematics

Ms. Nikitha Pratipati
Hometown: Vestavia, AL
High School: Vestavia Hills High School
Major: Psychology

Mr. Samir Rahi
Hometown: Sugar Land, TX
High School: William P. Clements High School
Major: Electrical Engineering
Mr. Brad Ritschel  
**Hometown:** Whippany, NJ  
**High School:** Whippany Park High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering & Electrical Engineering

Mr. Benny Rubanov  
**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Plano West Senior High School  
**Major:** Undeclared

Ms. Sarah Samuel  
**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Liberty High School  
**Major:** Biology

Mr. Areeb Siddiqui  
**Hometown:** Murphy, TX  
**High School:** Plano East Senior High School  
**Major:** Political Science & Finance Economics

Mr. Brian Wei  
**Hometown:** Allen, TX  
**High School:** Plano Senior High School  
**Major:** Computer Engineering

Ms. Sarah Whipple  
**Hometown:** Sacramento, CA  
**High School:** C. K. McClatchy High School  
**Major:** International Political Economy

Ms. Stephanie White  
**Hometown:** San Diego, CA  
**High School:** Del Norte High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience
Ms. Danni Yang

Hometown: Houston, TX & Natchitoches, LA
High School: Louisiana School For Math, Science, and the Arts
Major: Neuroscience