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 Prattipati
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