The 2017 McDermott Scholars

The 2017 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 11 men with 10 students from Texas, and 13 from 11 other states. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1563. 20 of the 23 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program, 5 were high school valedictorians, 2 were high school salutatorians, and 5 were Presidential Scholar candidates.

Ms. Priya Agrawal
Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: Greenhill School
Major: Biology, Comparative Literature

Ms. Ruqiya Barreh
Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: Harmony School of Political Science
Major: Neuroscience

Mr. Cameron Bossalini
Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark's School of Texas
Major: Electrical Engineering

Mr. John Davis
Hometown: Round Rock, TX
High School: Round Rock High School
Major: Biology

Mr. Teni Fayiga
Hometown: Frisco, TX
High School: Home School
Major: Arts and Technology, Computer Science
Mr. Chirag Gokani
Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark's School of Texas
Major: Physics

Mr. Zach Greenberg
Hometown: Culver City, CA
High School: Culver City High School
Major: Physics

Ms. Elizabeth Helfrich
Hometown: Bloomfield, MI
High School: International Academy
Major: Healthcare Studies

Ms. Jennifer Jenks
Hometown: Aurora, IA
High School: Linn Mar High School
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Bethany Kasprzyk
Hometown: Gilbert, AZ
High School: Chandler Preparatory Academy
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Mr. Christian Kondor
Hometown: Seminole, FL
High School: Largo High School
Major: Physics

Ms. Taylor Kyes
Hometown: Gainesville, FL
High School: Eastside High School
Major: Marketing
Mr. Yilong Peng
Hometown: Austin, TX  
High School: Vandegrift High School  
Major: Biology, Psychology

Mr. Alex Polednik
Hometown: Broomfield, CO  
High School: Legacy High School  
Major: Computer Engineering

Ms. Carla Ramazan
Hometown: Reno, NV  
High School: Sage Ridge School  
Major: Undeclared

Ms. Stephanie Royer
Hometown: Tulsa, OK  
High School: Union High School  
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Anna Schaeffer
Hometown: Strongsville, OH  
High School: Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy  
Major: Undeclared

Mr. Rohit Shenoy
Hometown: Chandler, AZ  
High School: Hamilton High School  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Mr. Evan Sun
Hometown: Round Lake, IL  
High School: Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Ms. Roma Venkateswaran
Hometown: North Potomac, MD
High School: Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School
Major: Arts & Performance

Ms. Nikitha Vicas
Hometown: Coppell, TX
High School: Coppell High School
Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Alexis Vu
Hometown: Prosper, TX
High School: Prosper High School
Major: Computer Engineering

Mr. Austin Williams
Hometown: McKinney, TX
High School: McKinney Boyd High School
Major: Mechanical Engineering