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

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

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

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

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

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

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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