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.
Priya Agrawal

Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: Greenhill School
Major: Biology, Comparative Literature
Ruqiya Barreh

Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: Harmony School of Political Science
Major: Neuroscience
Cameron Bossalini

Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark's School of Texas
Major: Electrical Engineering
John Davis

Hometown: Round Rock, TX
High School: Round Rock High School
Major: Biology
Teni Fayiga

Hometown: Frisco, TX
High School: Home School
Major: Arts and Technology, Computer Science
Chirag Gokani

Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark's School of Texas
Major: Physics
Elizabeth Helfrich

Hometown: Bloomfield, MI
High School: International Academy
Major: Healthcare Studies
Jennifer Jenks

Hometown: Aurora, IA
High School: Linn Mar High School
Major: Neuroscience
Bethany Kasprzyk

Hometown: Gilbert, AZ
High School: Chandler Preparatory Academy
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Christian Kondor

Hometown: Seminole, FL
High School: Largo High School
Major: Physics
Taylor Kyes

Hometown: Gainesville, FL
High School: Eastside High School
Major: Marketing
Yilong Peng

**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**High School:** Vandegrift High School  
**Major:** Biology, Psychology
Alex Polednik

Hometown: Broomfield, CO
High School: Legacy High School
Major: Computer Engineering
Carla Ramazan

Hometown: Reno, NV
High School: Sage Ridge School
Major: Undeclared
Anna Schaeffer

Hometown: Strongsville, OH
High School: Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
Major: Undeclared
Rohit Shenoy

**Hometown:** Chandler, AZ  
**High School:** Hamilton High School  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering
Evan Sun

**Hometown:** Round Lake, IL  
**High School:** Illinois Math and Science Academy  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering
Roma Venkateswaran

**Hometown:** North Potomac, MD  
**High School:** Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School  
**Major:** Visual and Performing Arts
Nikitha Vicas

Hometown: Coppell, TX
High School: Coppell High School
Major: Neuroscience
Alexis Vu

Hometown: Prosper, TX
High School: Prosper High School
Major: Computer Engineering
Austin Williams

Hometown: McKinney, TX
High School: McKinney Boyd High School
Major: Mechanical Engineering