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

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Austin Williams

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