The 2018 McDermott Scholars

The 2018 class of Scholars is made up of 9 women and 7 men, with 7 students from Texas and 9 from 8 other states. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1560, and 11 of the 16 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program.

Julia LaFond

Hometown: Spring Branch, TX
High School: Smithson Valley High School
Major: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

https://provost.utdallas.edu/mcdermott-scholars/scholars/2018-scholars/makepdf
Solvay Linde

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**High School:** School for the Talented and Gifted  
**Major:** Computer Science

Snipta Mallick

**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Texas Academy of Math and Science  
**Major:** Healthcare Studies

Patricia Mathu

**Hometown:** Whitefish Bay, WI  
**High School:** Whitefish Bay High School  
**Major:** Undeclared
Evan Meade  
**Hometown:** San Antonio, TX  
**High School:** Keystone School  
**Major:** Physics

Navnit Mohan  
**Hometown:** Plano, TX  
**High School:** Plano Senior High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience

Jake Munch  
**Hometown:** El Cajon, CA  
**High School:** Valhalla High School  
**Major:** Biochemistry
Zach Neiger

Hometown: Merrick, NY
High School: Sanford H. Calhoun High School
Major: Software Engineering

Patrick Nnoromele

Hometown: Richmond, KY
High School: Model Laboratory School
Major: Molecular Biology

Michelle Patten

Hometown: Sammamish, WA
High School: The Bear Creek School
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Annika Russell

Hometown: La Cañada, CA
High School: La Cañada High School
Major: Cognitive Science

Kannan Sharma

Hometown: Dallas, TX
High School: St. Mark’s School of Texas
Major: Cognitive Science

Anja Sheppard

Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC
High School: North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Major: Computer Science
Anna Straughan

**Hometown:** Arvada, CO  
**High School:** Ralston Valley High School  
**Major:** Molecular Biology

Ben Wise

**Hometown:** Decatur, GA  
**High School:** Marist School  
**Major:** Visual and Performing Art

Safiyah Zaidi

**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**High School:** McNeil High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience