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
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