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