The 2018 McDermott Scholars

2018 McDermott Scholars Group Photo

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
Snipita 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