The 2018 McDermott Scholars

The 2018 class of Scholars is made up of 7 students from Texas and 9 from 8 other states.

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

Snipat 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

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Kannan Sharma

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

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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