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

Snipra 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