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