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

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

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

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Anja Sheppard

**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, NC  
**High School:** North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics  
**Major:** Computer Science

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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

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Safiyah Zaidi

**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**High School:** McNeil High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience