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

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