The 2020 McDermott Scholars

The 2020 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 6 men with 6 students from Texas, 11 from out of state, and 1 from Ecuador. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1550, and 16 of the 18 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program.
Alejandro Barros

**Hometown:** Quito, Ecuador  
**High School:** Heritage High School  
**Major:** Biochemistry

Amulya Bhaskara

**Hometown:** Phoenix, AZ  
**High School:** Paradise Valley High School  
**Major:** Neuroscience

Tyler Burkhardt

**Hometown:** Reno, NV  
**High School:** Davidson Academy  
**Major:** Undecided
Shreya Chauk

Hometown: Irving, TX
High School: Uplift North Hills Preparatory
Major: Computer Science

Kara Curtis

Hometown: Gunter, TX
High School: Gunter High School
Major: International Political Economy

Olivia DiAcetis

Hometown: Duvall, WA
High School: Cedarcrest High School
Major: Undecided
Nigel Gray

Hometown: Okemos, MI
High School: Okemos High School
Major: Finance

Anisha Holla

Hometown: Frisco, TX
High School: Centennial High School
Major: Neuroscience

Nithya Jaisankar

Hometown: Troy, MI
High School: Athens High School
Major: Undecided
Michael Ji

Hometown: Spring, TX
High School: Klein High School
Major: Biochemistry

Sana Khan

Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: Westwood High School
Major: Biology

Lexis Khetsavanh

Hometown: Franklin, TN
High School: Centennial High School
Major: Undecided
Angela Li

**Hometown:** Broomfield, CO  
**High School:** Peak to Peak Charter School  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

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Tori Moore

**Hometown:** West Palm Beach, FL  
**High School:** The Kings Academy  
**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

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Isabella Palazuelos

**Hometown:** Oxnard, CA  
**High School:** Fillmore Senior High School  
**Major:** Cognitive Science
Thomas Pham

Hometown: Tucson, AZ
High School: BASIS Tucson North
Major: Healthcare Studies

Ann Elaine Rogers

Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA
High School: Archbishop Mitty High School
Major: Computer Science

Jeffrey Vancil

Hometown: Austin, TX
High School: John B. Connally High School
Major: Public Policy