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

Tori Moore

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

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

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Ann Elaine Rogers

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

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Jeffrey Vancil

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