McDermott Alumni

The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program Alumni Association

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IN THE NEWS...

GLOBAL EXPANSION

Saskia Versteeg '09 is joining an IT jobs exchange startup in Kenya. The mission: building an online platform to connect IT freelancers to new job contracts.

WELCOME FUTURE LEADERS

Soon, several Association Alumni will personally welcome scholars of the upcoming Freshman class by delivering them Welcome Packets. It may not be too late to help. Contact the Office today.

SERIOUS HUMOR

Maja Wallace '09 has raised enough money to launch <u>BALIVERNES!</u> - a video project that aims to revolutionize English language education in France... through comedy!

TRULY PRESIDENTIAL

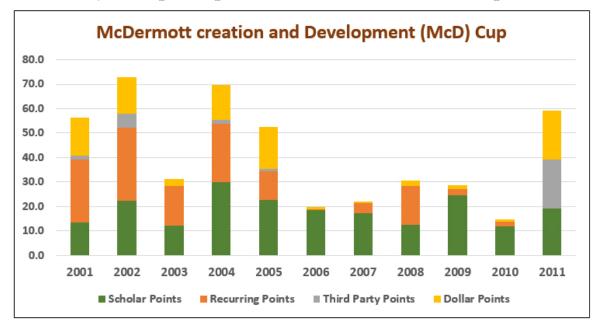
UTD is soon to officially welcome Dr. Richard Benson as the new President of the University. Our Alumni Association President Alex Garcia-Topete has plans to meet with Dr. Benson and begin what will be a strong relationship.

GOING VIRAL

Well, maybe not. But, video of the Alumni Association annual meeting is available on You Tube. Watch it (and like it!) here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Vmv7Qv0bxl

'02s, '11s Prove their Class

Generosity and participation lead classes to claim Cup victories



The 2002 Scholars, with high levels of participation, strong recurring donations, and significant contributions, claimed the primary prize: the McD Cup.

The Alumni Association's Galactic Drive is the perfect combination between competition and generosity, and 2015 proved to be another terrific year.

The Galactic Drive consists of the primary McDermott creation and Development Cup (McD Cup), which accounts for participation, ongoing donations, third-party contributions, and total dollars; the \$dOLLAR\$ Cup, which is a straight-up money competition; and the Supernova Awards, which recognize the top-donating scholars.

For 2015, the '02 class squeaked by the '04s to claim the McD Cup. The 2002 class had the highest level of recurring donations and had high levels of participation and total dollars. The 2002 class earned 73 points. The '04s took in 70 points followed by the '11s at 59 points.

Proving age is no limit, the 2011 class won the \$dOLLAR\$ Cup. With a large third-party contribution from generous parents, the '11s raised over \$5,300. The '05s brought in \$4,545, and the '01s contributed \$4,160. (continued on page 4)

Whoosh Together!

Alumni are now all over the country (and the world). Do your part and host an event in your area.

Connect For ...

...Good. Log-in to the new Alumni Network and connect with other scholars (pg. 3)

Campus Growth

The alumni center opened last fall; a new engineering building is now in the works.

McDERMOTT BOARD

The Alumni Association recently hosted elections. Our 2016-2017 Board of Directors is:

Erich Bao: '08 **David Bindel: '05** Lewis Chang: '07 Megan Coker: '06 Camden Cornwell: '09 **Andres Correa: '01** Ben Delay: '09 Hannah Frank: '04 Alex Garcia Topete: '07 Max Grunewald: 'I I Phil Harris: '07 Jessica Higgins: '10 Nina Haug: '12 Mac Hird: '07 Charlie Holman: '10 Pam Hughes: '03 **Bobby Janecka: '02** Jonathan Lane: '03 Cheng Lee: '02 Ryan Marcotte: '11 Rachel Marcowitz: '04 Monica Niewiarowski: '09 Sid Nivas: '09 Liz Organ: '08 Mitchell Owens: '10 Abhi Raj: '10 Abraham Rivera Olguin: '02 Ali Saherwala: '08 Lauren Sechrist: '09 Dina Shahrokhi: '07 Aidan Skoyles: '01 **Brady Spenrath: '07 Benedict Voit: '04** Walter Voit: '01

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Growth of the Association - and the University

Change is at the gates, and we ought to welcome it. There will be a new President at UTD this July, with a couple of new Deans following along. New buildings are being finished that will change the dynamics of campus life, such as the Alumni Center and the Northside residential development.

On our own side, there are new Alumni Board members and so that we get to know after graduation. In addition, Weekend packets. several initiatives have been we have propelled it.

Yet, a lot remains to be done, all new milestones ahead.

We still have to interact more with the scholars so that they out as a great time to rememcase studies for career paths shall keep making it happen.



and a new class has joined us them more than just Finalists

We still have to enhance our proposed to bolster our in- role as Alumni during Finalvolvement with current schol- ists Weekend, for there can be ars and UTD students in gen- no better stalwarts of a "Mceral. Change is here, and we Dermott meaning" than us ought to embrace it because who have forged it in the fires of experience.

And we still have to find and we will need everyone's more and better ways to boost support and involvement in each other and strengthen our order to accomplish any and bonds beyond classes and established friendships.

Ultimately, summer stands get to know us more than just ber this: change is here, and we

CONNECTIONS

The new Alumni Networking Platform is a terrific site providing immense value

aims to integrate information about McDermotts from all classes. Currently, there is a lot of information about scholars in different documents (alumni spreadsheet, current scholars directory, resume database, etc.), so we wanted to make it easier to search through that data to find relevant scholars.

Finding relevant scholars through the McDermott Network is relatively simple - you can just type in any keyword into the search bar to find matching scholars. For example, searching 'math' would display all scholars who studied math, and searching 'China' would display all scholars who had been to China.

While the main goal of the network is to connect current scholars with alumni in their fields, the network also acts as a login for other tools that help make the Program better. For example, the feedback system allows scholars to rate and comment on the Finalists they meet during Finalists' Weekend, which simplifies the data collection process for the Selection Committee.

We hope to develop more tools in the future to enrich the Program and make everyone's lives easier.

You should be receiving an email with your login credentials soon, unless you were a part of Finalists' Weekend this year, in which case you should already have an account. The McDermott Network has already been initialized with information the Program has collected (degrees, experience, etc.).

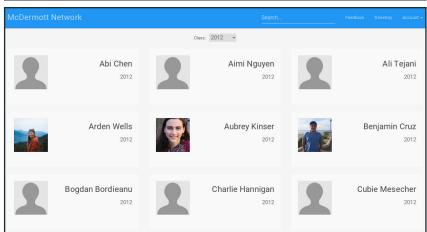
Once you login, you should be able to edit any of the information in your profile, and you can mark certain fields so that only the Program staff can see them (all potentially sensitive fields have been marked as staff-only on initial data). You can also change your username, the email associated with your account, and your password through the site.

There are currently still some visual bugs that will get fixed (e.g. the profile pictures get cropped awkwardly), but if you see any functionality bugs or have feature requests, please let Josh Cai (yuanshi419@gmail.com) or

The McDermott Network is a web application that the staff know. If you would like to help with development, any contributions are welcome here: https:// github.com/mcdermott-scholars/mcdermott.

--Josh Cai, 2012 Scholar



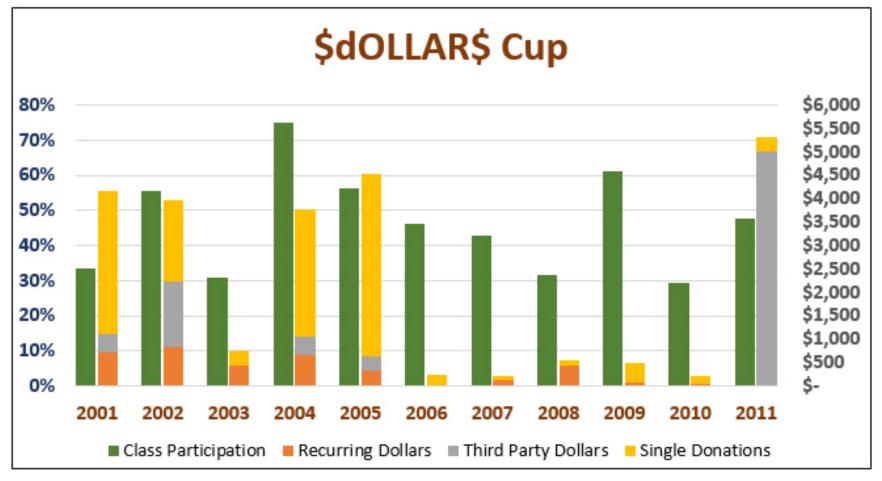


In addition to listing the alumni as a perfect way to connect (above), the site is also an excellent resource for Finalist Weekend when the Program is reviewing applicants (below).



Association Sets Recori

Through the generosity of both scholars and parents, the Association brought in over \$24,000



The 2011 class raised over \$5,300 in 2015. With the help of a scholar's parents, the class earned the \$dOLLAR\$ (Scholars) Cup. Below shows the fundraising history of the Association the last three years.

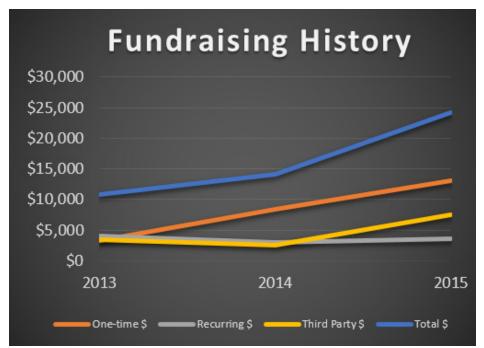
("Proving their Class" cont'd from Page 1)

The third component of the Galactic Cup - the Supernova Awards - exists to truly thank the individual scholars who proved their exceptional generosity. The top 10 scholars contributed in sum nearly \$11,000 to the Association: Andres Correa ('01), Erica Macha ('04), Molly Wurzer ('05), Benedict Voit ('04), Jessica Voit ('05), Cheng Lee ('02), Aidan Skoyles ('01), Walter Voit ('01), Felicity Lenes-Voit ('05), and Sara Clingan ('05).

This fundraising record - building upon the successes of the last two years - has already set a standard for the 2016 competition. While the end of the year is a typical time for donations, please consider making your payment now. Better yet, pledge your recurring donations - doing so will help the Association and it will help your class in the competitions.

On behalf of the Board, the Association, and the University, thank you for your contributions and support.

--Benedict Voit ('04), Vice President of Development



Alumni Spotlight

Highlighting the success and uniqueness of our alumni

IMPACT! caught up with '05 Sara:

Name: Sara Clingan

Class: 2005

Nicknames: I'm pretty sure you can't

print them...

Significant Other: I'm in a very serious relationship with someone whose name I can't give you (it may or may not be Nicolas Sarkozy).

Major: Political Science & Economics

Graduate studies: University of Virginia School of Law

Hometown: Springfield, Missouri

Home team(s): This question confuses

If you were an animal, what animal would you be: Karl Lagerfeld's cat

Current location: Washington, D.C.

Occupation: Attorney

Coolest part of your job: The travel. Working with truly brilliant people. Also, I've been really lucky to work with a wonderful organization called Kids In Need of Defense, which finds lawyers for children who have fled their home countries and are trying to obtain legal residency in the United States. The kids I represent are beyond inspirational, and the look on their face when they finally get their green card is pure magic.

Dream end-of-career job: I'd love to prosecute white collar crime. Or write for McSweeney's. Or be a Real Housewife. Or all three. Dream big.

Future non-career ambitions: Read the original Spanish versions of everything Marquez has ever written. Also, to see my fellow alums more.

Outside talents: I can run surprisingly fast in 5 inch stilettos.

One surprising thing Alumni wouldn't know about you: I have no secrets.

The most dangerous / exciting thing you've done: This is a dumb question, Benedict [i.e., no comment].

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What you want to tell the McDermott Scholars: Everything you do, do it because you love it. Don't just do what's expected of you.

Best advice you've ever received: One should have wine with lunch. -- Margaret

Worst advice you've ever received: That it's okay to wear tennis shoes with business attire. That is literally never okay. Full disclosure: I heeded this (objectively horrible) advice on our freshman year trip to DC and the tragic result is a picture of me, standing in the West Wing of the White House with Vice President Cheney, wearing a tweed suit, pearls, and Nike Shox. Ugh.



Sara lives the high life in Paris... and everywhere else in the world which she visits.

FEELING

Keep us updated!

The Alumni Association wants to hear about exciting news in your life.

- * Get engaged or married?
- *Add a little one to the family?
- *Wild world travels?

Post on our facebook page: facebook.com/groups/emspaa/

Inform us via the website: www.mcdermottalumni.com/

Or, email Benedict today at mcdermottalumni@gmail.com

SHE'S STILL GOING STRONG!

Mrs. McDermott celebrates another birthday - and does so with her scholars

Since it is tradition by now, our Association had a presence during Mrs. McDermott's birthday celebrations this past February. However, there were slight changes in the usual flow of events. For instance, many of the graduating seniors (now our fellow Alumni) were encouraged to attend and share their respective futures with the party crowd.

Hearing about all of the graduate degrees that will be pursued and the upcoming promising jobs that are to come made Mrs. McDermott quite proud, as usual, and left a few attendants in awe-mostly those that didn't know these scholars already, although a few of those who do were nicely surprised by the news. We can expect more such events to come in the future.

--Alex Garcia Topete, 2007 Scholar

Right: Mrs. McDermott celebrates a special night at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra with several Alumni Scholars this past fall. Her birthday celebration was in February.



Our Great Web-Sights

Check out the McDermott Alumni Website

Have you checked out the McDermottAlumni.com webpage recently? Since you haven't, open a new tab in your browser right now and view the site for exciting updates on the interesting things that fellow Alums are up to.

The website is also a great recruiting tool as it is often stumbled upon by potential candidates interested in life after UT Dallas for McDermott Scholars (I know because I see the Google search terms).

It also provides great information: a list of all McDermott Alumni, the status of the Worsfold Grants program, a global map of where our Alumni have been, information on our Board of Directors, and (of course) a wonderful way to give back to UTD and invest in the future of the Program.

If you know of something going on that should be on the site, please contact Aidan Skoyles at skoyles@gmail.com. Or if you would like to become a regular contributor to the site, please get in touch! We are always looking for great pictures and stories.

Also, be sure to join the McDermott Alumni Facebook Group for automatic notifications on new posts in your

--Aidan Skoyles, 2001 Scholar

Dean's Corner: Memories

Dean Coleman shares a fun Sante Fe memory

We gave a lot of thought to how best bring the initial cohort of McDermott Scholars together for the first time in mands of the academic environment or our very real expectations as to how they could help us forge a new undergradu-

them as a group to someplace unusual and do something different.That's how Santa Fe and river rafting began.

side another when Justin Applebee, a very precocious (and would jump from his raft to ours and drag me into the river. In we plunged and then scrambled back to respective boats.

That was fun I thought, let's have more. From a few feet away Justin watched me search through my clothes and then exclaim that I had lost my nitroglycerin tablets. Of course I had no such tablets but I enjoyed watching Justin's eyes as he realized his future as a McDermott Scholar might be shortened by killing the Dean on the first day.

--Dr. Michael Coleman was Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Eduction through 2010

Dur Towering Reunion

The Alumni Association excitedly meets each year to kick-off Finalist Weekend

On Friday, March 4, a record-setting number of McDermott alumni gathered at the cavernous, faintly smoky Fox & Hound pub in Richardson. This precursor to Finalists Weekend has become a tradition, and Fox & Hound is the (for now) go-to meeting place that can best accommodate our large group. Yet, the old pub has recently become surrounded by a more vibrant college village as UTD grows and shapes the community around it.

One thrilling example that I saw this year is Northside, the mixed-use development across the street from campus at the intersection of Synergy and Floyd. A public-private partnership between developers, UTD, the City of Richardson, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will result in new housing, retail, entertainment, and a pedestrian mall area.

The new units are advertised as "luxury apartments," which appears accurate—in any event, they certainly look more luxurious than the old Waterview apartments! Eventually, there are plans for a DART rail station at Northside. I could name multiple new developments that promise to improve student life and the university. Northside struck me as an interesting new step for UTD, further distancing it from its commuter-campus history.

As I reflected on our gathering at Fox & Hound and the many exciting new developments at UTD, I saw the same promise reflected in the swelling ranks of McDermott alumni.

Our organization was founded with a strong core of alumni from scholar classes already spanning nearly a decade. With each addition of a new class, like the developments at UTD on and off campus, we are members of our association never ceases



The Association hosts a Friday night at The Fox and Hound to kickoff Finalist Weekend. Scholars meet fellow alumni and catch up with long-time friends.

strengthened and excited by an infusion of fresh interests, perspectives, backgrounds, and talents.

The impressive stature of our alumni was clear to me this Finalists Weekend. Alumni arrived from all corners of the country, ably helping to select the new class of scholars and participating in greater numbers than ever before.

I treasure our traditions and the visionary classes of scholars, faculty, and staff who laid a strong foundation for the McDermott Scholars Program. I also look forward to each new Finalists Weekend-and now, to the annual Signature Event in the fall hosted by the alumni association.

Meeting the finalists and the newest

to remind me of the drive to innovate and improve my surroundings that my younger self felt so intensely. I still feel that drive, but time and experience have seasoned my perspective. Those forces could also dim the possibility of making positive change, but interacting with new scholars and alumni provides a crucial reminder of the idealism and determination necessary to succeed. Reuniting with older alumni and hearing about their achievements affirms that we can realize our idealistic hopes.

I hope you will join me in staying connected to the program and the university so that we can ensure the continued strength of our extraordinary institutions. I'll see you next year at Fox & Hound!

--Megan Coker, 2006 Scholar



Vorsfold Grants Update

An exciting announcement from the Association's Victor L. Worsfold Grants Committee

During the Spring of 2016, the Victor L. Worsfold Grants Committee funded its first two community service projects.

Mathew Salm's Food Recovery System received a \$500 grant to tackle the lack of wholesome, nutritious food for the homeless community of the Dallas area. Mathew, a UT Dallas junior, designed a system to have volunteer students collect excess food from various sources on the UT Dallas campus. The student volunteers will become food-safety certified and will store the food and transport it to local homeless shelters.

Mathew intends to partner with City House in Plano, Hope's Door in Plano, and Austin Street Center in Dallas to deliver the food to the homeless, and to collaborate with the Sustainability Club, Human-Environment-Animal-Team, APO, and AED to recruit volunteers. His hope is to found a chapter of Food Recovery Network and join this national food-waste-fighting alliance of students at over 150 colleges.

Melanie Maurer's Young Women in Science and Engineering (YWSE) Design Competition received a \$500 grant to expose young women to hands-on engineering and give them the experience and confidence they need to pursue careers in engineering. Melanie, a 2016 graduate and McDermott Scholar, wants to remedy the dearth of women in engineering professions by exposing them at a young age to the field. She intends to bring high school girls from the Dallas Independent School District to the UT Dallas campus for an annual design competition. She hopes to enlist the help and participation of companies like Texas Instruments and Raytheon. Although graduating, Melanie intends to build a team who will build and carry forward the initiative in future years.

Going forward, and to comply with the UT System rules, the funds that the Association donates to fund grants (which will be a discretionary, periodic decision by the Association's Board) will be managed by the UT System as a permanent endowment. The Worsfold Grants Committee will be appointed by the Provost, and it will consist of UT Dallas faculty, staff, and non-McDermott Scholar undergraduate students and alumni. The size and number of grants will be determined by the committee based on availability of funds and applications received.

Projects eligible for funding will be led by one or more UT Dallas students or a UT Dallas student organization, and they will address challenges faced by the UT Dallas, local and/or global community, including but not limited to poverty, support for education, support for the arts and cultural awareness. At the conclusion of each project, grant recipients will submit a report on the specific use of granted funds, which will be made available to the Association.

--Andres Correa, 2001 Scholar

Welcoming the 2016 Class of McDermott Scholars

In the last few years, the McDermott office has been to the McDermott family and an early, positive point of shipping congratulations packages with introductory in-UTD gear to each new McDermott Scholar.

This year, the Program and Alumni Association are coordinating in the hopes of having alumni hand-deliver these congrats packs to the incoming 2016 Class of Mc-Dermott Scholars. The Alumni Association cross-checked the locations of incoming scholars with alumni, and this year thirteen alumni (plus Sherry) volunteered to deliver congrats packs to fourteen incoming scholars.

contact with the Alumni Association. In the coming years, to more incoming scholars as our alumni conquer the world - ahem, I mean, multiply and move to new locations around the globe.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping with this endeavor. Although the congrats-packs have not yet been sent to the alumni, they are looking forward to receiving them and delivering them to the new scholars.

We will report back (hopefully with pictures) in the next edition of the newsletter. Whoosh!

--Megan Coker, 2006 Scholar

NEW

The Alumni Association welcomes our newest members - scholars from the class of 2012

To our newest 22 members: congratulations on graduating and welcome to the Eugene McDermott Scholars Alumni Association!

We're really excited to watch you take your next steps in work, studies, and travel around the world.

As part of our welcome and as a refresher for older Alumni, we'd like to provide an overview of our Association goals and recent efforts. Since its creation in 2012, the Alumni Association has worked towards improving the student experience at UTD through Alumni mentorship, assisting the McDermott Scholars Program and participating in the Scholar selection process, and supporting the development of UTD and the greater Dallas community.

Specifically, in these past four years, we've played key roles in finalist weekends through interviews and reviewing thousands of applications, and so far we have donated \$85,000 to UT Dallas as part of a commitment to donate \$100,000 over five years.

In commemoration of that financial commitment, one of the University's reflecting pools now bears the Association's name. We helped fund a project of the '09 McDermott Scholars and the Audubon Society of Dallas as the first award of the Worsfold McDermott Alumni Fund. That Fund, named in honor of beloved friend of the program, Dr. Victor Worsfold, was established to support creative and deserving proposals from UT Dallas students (see more from Andres).

We've made great strides so far, and our ability to continue serving the McDermott Scholars Program, UTD, and the greater Dallas community relies on support from all of our members.

To our recent graduates, our warmest welcome. We look forward to working with you all, and again, congratulations!

--Abhi Raj, 2010 Scholar Chair of Recent Graduates

Our Newest Members!

Nathan Agnew

Business analyst for Capital One in Plano

Bogdan Bordieanu

Take a year and work in various positions in the medical field to familiarize myself with different aspects and roles, before continuing to medical school.

Abi Chen

I want to pay it forward by staying an active UTD and McDermott alumna, promoting the University and the Program, and continuing to volunteer in the community. Attending the business school at Duke University.

Charlie Hannigan

PhD at the University of Chicago and will be researching ways to make humanitarian aid better around the world.

Nina Haug

Attending UC-Berkeley to get my Ph.D. in history. I'm focusing on colonial and post-colonial relationships between Africa and Europe, which definitely uses my French. I'll also be studying Swahili this summer.

Melanie Maurer

Researching in Stuttgart, Germany with the Fulbright Award, and then I will pursue my Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Cornell University in the fall 2017.

Josh Cai

Joining Google as a Software Engineer

Benjamin Cruz

T-Mobile

Aubrey Kinser

I'll work in Virginia before going to graduate school

Suhrud Kulkarni

Work as a software engineer in Austin

Cynthia Liang

Baylor College of Medicine (med school)

Joseph Lim

UT Southwestern Medical School

Liza Miadzvedskaya

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Hunter McWinn

University of Michigan law school

VerNeil Mesecher

Working as a Systems Engineer for Rhino Fleet Tracking in Argyle

Aimi Nguyen

Dentist School, USC

Emily Niewiarowski

Attending UT Austin Dell Medical School as part of its inaugural class

Mashal Noor

Video production in Dallas or Chicago

Joining a Dallas-based private equity firm called Fiduciary Network, where I will be structuring acquisition deals.

Ali Tejani

MD at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School with a Distinction in Community Medicine. I hope to train in medical Spanish as an interpreter.

Jacob VanNattan

Attended Officer Candidates School in Quantico where I earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the USMC. I have spent my last year in Tel-Aviv, Israel studying crisis and trauma in preparation for my time in the Marine Corps. I will complete my Master's degree in Social Work this August before reporting back to Quantico for further training.

Lindsey Ward

Looking for an editor position in Dallas

INCOMING! CLASS OF 2016

The McDermott Program has completed its selection process for the incoming class of scholars

The 2016 class of Scholars is made up of 12 women and 15 men, with 10 students from Texas, 16 from 15 other states, and 1 from the Netherlands. Collectively, this class has an average two-part SAT score of 1543.

Twenty-three of the 27 received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program, five were high school valedictorians, and six were Presidential Scholar candidates.

Mr. Samee Ahmad Hometown: Vienna, VA HS: George C. Marshall High School Major: International Political Economy

Mr. Kermit Alexander II Hometown: Jones, OK **HS: Home School** Major: Computer Science

Mr. Ben Allsup Hometown: Windsor, CO **HS: Fossil Ridge High School** Major: Biomedical Engineering

Mr. Thomas Crain Hometown: Austin, TX **HS: Liberal Arts and Science Academy** Major: Computer Science

Mr. Mark De Los Santos Hometown: Arlington, TX HS: Nolan Catholic High School Major: Molecular Biology

Ms. Lexi de Montfort Shepherd Hometown: Reno, NV **HS: Sage Ridge School** Major: Biology

Ms. Mackenzie Flynn Hometown: Stillman Valley, IL HS: Stillman Valley High School Major: Biomedical Engineering

Ms. Ann-Cathrin Guertler Hometown: Rochester, MI **HS: International Academy** Major: Undeclared

Mr. Logan Harless Hometown: Brunssum, Netherlands **HS: AFNORTH International School** Major: Mechanical Engineering

Ms. Sara Hartke Hometown: Chugiak, AK HS: Chugiak High School Major: Undeclared

Ms. Kinnari Karia Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA HS: Linn-Mar High School Major: Biology & Mathematics

Ms. Veronica Liu Hometown: Niskayuna, NY HS: Niskayuna High School Major: Arts and Technology & CS

Mr. Benjamin Lunday Hometown: Rhome, TX HS: Texas Academy Math and Science **Major: Physics**

Mr. Carson Lutterloh Hometown: Puyallup, WA HS: Governor J. R. Rogers High School Major: Computer Science

Mr. Antonio Mendiola Hometown: McKinney, TX HS: Heritage High School Major: Computer Science

Mr. Kevin Ong Hometown: Plano, TX HS: Texas Academy Math and Science Major: Electrical Engineering

Ms. Abby Plump Hometown: Haubstadt, IN **HS: Signature School** Major: Actuarial Science

Ms. Nikitha Prattipati Hometown: Vestavia, AL HS: Vestavia Hills High School Major: Psychology & Economics

Mr. Samir Rahi Hometown: Sugar Land, TX HS: William P. Clements High School **Major: Computer Engineering**

Mr. Brad Ritschel Hometown: Whippany, NJ **HS: Whippany Park High School** Major: Mechanical Engineering

Mr. Benny Rubanov Hometown: Plano, TX HS: Plano West Senior High School Major: Business Administration

Ms. Sarah Samuel Hometown: Plano, TX **HS: Liberty High School** Major: Biology

Mr. Areeb Siddiqui Hometown: Murphy, TX HS: Plano East Senior High School Major: Political Science & Finance

Mr. Brian Wei Hometown: Allen, TX HS: Plano Senior High School Major: Computer Engineering

Ms. Sarah Whipple Hometown: Sacramento, CA HS: C. K. McClatchy High School Major: Undeclared

Ms. Stephanie White Hometown: San Diego, CA **HS: Del Norte High School** Major: Neuroscience

Ms. Danni Yang Hometown: Houston & Natchitoches HS: LA School For MS&A Major: Neuroscience