100 McDermott Experiences

Distinctly McDermott, Uniquely You

1. Go white water rafting.
2. Hike Atalaya Peak in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and take a group photo at the top.
3. Take a midnight wilderness walk under a full moon in Santa Fe.
4. Listen to lectures by top faculty from UT Dallas.
5. Bond with the people who’ll be your classmates for the next four years.

7. Be introduced to Dallas’ leaders and organizations.
8. Attend performances of the Dallas Symphony and Opera.
10. Spend time with Ross Perot and learn about his life and his path to success.
11. Meet with Program benefactor Margaret McDermott.
12. Have Charles W. Eisemann give you a tour of the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

14. Spend the afternoon at the Smithsonian.
15. Tour the White House.
16. Take a picture with the vice president in the Roosevelt Room.
17. Attend performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
18. Visit the site of the Battle of Gettysburg.

19. Mentor junior high students at a local school.
21. Tend to the animals at the Richardson Animal Shelter.
22. Build a home with Habitat for Humanity.
23. Play bingo with nursing home residents.
24. Teach English to adults in the community.
25. Perform salsa dance to raise money for the Special Olympics.
27. Coach a youth soccer team.
29. Earn the gold-level national Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

30. Implement a community garden for the campus.
31. Win the Intramural Sports Comet Cup.
32. Be a member of the Collegium V Honors Program.
33. Direct a play.
34. Serve as a role model for incoming freshmen through the First Year Leader program.
35. Found UT Dallas’ mock trial team and earn a national tournament slot in the team’s second year of existence.
36. Run the largest voter registration drive in the history of UT Dallas.
37. Lead the UT Dallas student body as Student Government president and vice president.
38. Establish the alternative newspaper A Modest Proposal.
39. Chat with the director of the Collegium V Honors Program about classes for next semester.
40. Work for the Office of the University President as a Student Ambassador.
41. Run the Club Sports Fencing team.
42. Serve on the UT Dallas Homecoming Committee.
43. Work with university administration to establish new academic programs.
44. Get muddy playing in the annual Oozeball Tournament.
45. Compete on the Model UN team in New York and Washington, D.C.
46. Found the Comet Swing Society and bring swing dance to UT Dallas.
47. Chat with the director of the Collegium V Honors Program about classes for next semester.
48. Win the Top Mediator Award at the National Mediation Competition.
49. Create and manage Radio UTD and UTD TV.
50. Meet with your faculty mentor to talk about your future.
51. Take first place at the Destination Imagination Global Competition.
52. Compete on Jeopardy.

53. Learn Spanish in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
54. Receive a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study in Jordan or China.
55. Study the connection between great white sharks and the economy of South Africa.
56. Learn traditional French cuisine while practicing the language, in France.
57. Spend time with nature in the Galapagos Islands.
58. Backpack through Europe.
59. Attend the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.
60. Travel half-way across the world to ride camels with a fellow McDermott Scholar in Egypt.
61. Watch fireworks explode from the Eiffel Tower during La Fête Nationale from the Champ de Mars.
62. Learn German in the medieval city of Marburg, Germany.
63. Meet fellow Scholars to climb the pyramids in Cairo, Egypt.
64. Hike the Inca Trail above the Machu Picchu ruins in Peru.
65. Study Italian at the castle in Italy where poet Ezra Pound lived.
66. Undertake a one-on-one tutorial course at one of Oxford’s colleges.
67. Swim the English Channel.
68. Study traditional Chinese medicine in China.
69. Travel with a UT Dallas professor to Japan to meet leading businesspeople.
70. Look at a map of the world and feel the empowerment to choose any destination and make your trip happen.

71. Intern at the U.S. Supreme Court, at the White House or at the United Nations.
72. Spend a summer at Microsoft Corporation headquarters in Redmond, WA.
73. Attend the UN Framework Committee on Climate Change as a non-governmental delegate.
74. Intern at Sony Pictures Television in Hollywood.
75. Work with then-Senator Joe Biden.
76. Spend a summer working with the American Red Cross.
77. Conduct research at Los Alamos National Laboratories.
78. Intern at the Dallas Museum of Art.
79. Start researching in UT Dallas’ state-of-the-art NSERL facility as a freshman and be published as a junior.
80. Work for the Dallas Opera at the business office and behind the scenes.
81. Shadow a surgeon in India.
82. Intern at CERN, home of the world's largest physics experiment.
83. Be an Archer Fellow in Washington, D.C., and live on Capitol Hill.
84. Conduct research at the University of Cambridge.
85. Intern at Google headquarters in Mountain View, CA.

87. Receive the Barry Goldwater Scholarship as a sophomore.
88. Travel to Morocco, Spain or Germany on a Fulbright scholarship.
89. Earn a Udall Foundation Scholarship.
90. Teach for America.
91. Study in the United Kingdom as the recipient of Truman and Marshall Scholarships.
92. Get full-tuition scholarships to top-ten law schools.
93. Go to graduate or professional school at Harvard, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Stanford, University of Chicago, Duke, etc.
94. Win a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.
95. Join the Peace Corps.
96. Be named a National Institutes of Health Oxford-Cambridge Scholar.
97. Receive the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship.
98. Create a compelling resume for post-college pursuits.
99. Access a professional network of fellow Scholars and Alumni.

100. Make friends for a lifetime.