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The summer of 2014 could easily have been the best summer ever, for two reasons: meeting some of the best people, and being involved with the best music. With great thanks to the Mary Jean Nelson Scholarship Fund, I was able to attend the Stony Brook International Piano Festival at The Stony Brook School. On the beautiful campus, the festival lead me to meet many talented young pianists as well as a wonderful staff –in both teaching and caring. The two week piano camp was more to me than extended practice hours and extra lessons, it was two weeks where young musicians living states and countries apart, are united through their passion for music; together to learn, to improve, and to be inspired. And this we achieved through exposure to a different learning environment, listening to guest artists' lectures and performances, as well as two performing opportunities for ourselves. The experience was no doubt the most memorable, and I hope to return again!