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Belvoir Terrace

During my 2016 summer, I spent six and a half weeks at Belvoir Terrace, a girls' fine arts and performing arts camp in Lenox, Massachusetts (belvoirterrace.com). It was the most fun and most enriching summer of my life thus far. I grew as a musician and as a person. My piano teacher at Belvoir, Grace Lee, helped me see my pieces in a different light. While I love my piano teacher at home, I also think it is good to see a different perspective. Furthermore, there were countless performance opportunities, both at Belvoir and outside of Belvoir. I was happy to be able to share music with so many others and continue to work on and detail my pieces.

Two of my favorite classes that I took at Belvoir were Composition and Chamber Music. In Composition, I wrote two pieces, one of which I was able to perform at a recital at the end of the summer. I am so proud of my work and I plan to continue composing. In Chamber Music, I was able to play and perform a trio with two of my talented peers, a flutist from Long Island and a cellist from Japan. I loved being able to work through the piece with my two peers and our teacher, an opportunity I may not have had otherwise. The flutist and I also worked on a duet, which we performed at the end of the summer.

Aside from my classes, I loved befriending other talented, dedicated pianists my age. We listened to each other's pieces and gave each other feedback, we shared pieces that we liked, and we bonded over a love of music. All of the friends that I made at Belvoir are like family to me, and I am honored to be part of such a supportive, close, and magical community. My friends came to all of my recitals, and I enjoyed watching them achieve in their different majors. I am so grateful for my 2016 summer at Belvoir Terrace, because the wonderful people and opportunities there allowed me to grow as a pianist, musician, and young woman. I extend my sincerest gratitude to the MEA for supporting my summer experience in music at Belvoir Terrace.