

Charlotte Hospitality News

Charlotte, NC

June 23, 2009

Circulation: 2,000



Johnson & Wales Student Receives Prestigious Scholarship

Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani (GRI) named Spencer Frye, a culinary student at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, a recipient of the prestigious 2009 Giacomo Bologna Scholarship. Frye joined six other scholarship recipients on a trip of a lifetime to Tuscany, hosted by Marchesi de' Frescobaldi. The Frescobaldi family, which has produced world-class wine in Tuscany for 700 years, created an intensive seven-day (May 25-June 1) learning experience for the GRI scholarship winners that included touring lush vineyards, visiting San Lorenzo's most famous market, and receiving immersion courses with celebrated chefs, cheesemakers, and local producers. Frye beat out hundreds of applicants for this opportunity. GRI is the country's only not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting authentic Italian cuisine in America through education. Visit www.gruppo.com for more details.