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Johnson & Wales student wins scholarship to Tuscany

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The Frescobaldi family, which has produced world-class wine in Tuscany for 700 years, created an intensive seven-day learning experience for Spencer and all of the GRI scholarship winners. They toured vineyards, visited San Lorenzo's market and received immersion courses with celebrated and Michelin-starred chefs, cheese makers and local producers.

GRI is the country's only not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting authentic Italian cuisine in America through education. Comprised of some of the country's top Italian restaurants, it has a membership of more than 700 combined corporate and restaurant members.