## Gina Cambareri Miss Columbus 2019

My name is Gina Cambareri. I am 14 years old, and live in Mount Kisco, New York. I'm a freshman at Fox Lane High School. In my free time, I enjoy taking photos, especially of outdoor scenery. I also love to dance. I take weekly classes and belong to a hip hop competition team. One of my favorite subjects in school is science, and hope to major in college and pursue a career in genetics counseling. I have also been studying Italian in school for the past three years, and find it easy to understand because my parents speak in dialect at home. I have been to Italy three times so far, once when I was a baby, and cannot wait to go back. I want to practice speaking the real Italian next time I go, and look forward to visiting the big cities, like Rome, even though Calabria and southern Italy are so beautiful. My favorite things about being Italian is learning about all the traditions that are part of my heritage, and researching my family roots originating from Italy. That's what I plan to do on my next visit there, and be able to communicate with all my relatives.

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