Ray’s in the City was a perfect setting for the sixty or so alumni, students and faculty that gathered during NSGC Atlanta. We had a great time reconnecting at this special celebration and during the meetings. Our alumni were present in so many venues during NSGC-as conference planners, as presenters, venders and more!
Congratulations Dr. Best!!

From our colleague, Dr. Wendell McKenzie,
Dr. Robert G. Best was recently presented an Outstanding Alumnus Award by the NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. A fitting reception and program recognizing Bob and others was held at the University Club, October 9, 2009. I was happy to be present and to have the opportunity to spend a good amount (though never enough) time with Bob and his son. Needless to say, our department, college and university are very proud of Bob and his accomplishments.

Wendell H. McKenzie
Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Genetics, NC State University

Congratulations Ravin Winfrey!!
The NSGC Diversity Special Interest Group recognized senior student Ravin Winfrey with a $500 Scholarship. Her award winning essay challenges genetic counselors to reach out to diverse communities through education.

We are proud of you, Ravin!
Note from the Director…

They want to see my children…..so many have asked about these four and wanted me to include a photo in the newsletter. Ben is working in luxury landscape construction and Laura is a junior at Furman—taking human genetics next semester! Paul is a senior and Ellen a sophomore at Chapin High.

We all tend to mark time by how our children have grown…. that’s why we so enjoy receiving your emails and photos as you share your families with us. That’s what its all about, isn’t it? Family, friends and colleagues.

We appreciate our alumni especially on this 25th anniversary, and look forward to watching your continued growth and achievements in the future.

Best wishes to all, Janice

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Rhonda Scanlon
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Ellen Schlenker (1991) is still working as Northeast Regional Manager for Genzyme Genetics genetic counseling. Married two years ago, Ellen is very excited to announce the birth of her son, Matthew Ian Rawicz, on March 23, 2009.

Jodie Asher (1992) is still a counseling manager, over Tampa and GA, for Genzyme and is the outgoing chair for the SRM GC SIG. Have a great holiday everyone!

Jill Fischer (1993) My spouse, Russ Underwald, and I added a puppy, Niko, and a second horse, PJ, to our family in 2009. J I also had an article accepted for publication in Fertility and Sterility.

Lynn Holt (1996) is the program director for the new genetic counseling program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and planning to enroll their first class in the fall of 2010!

Jennifer Sullivan Sareela (1996) Sorry I couldn't make the reunion in Atlanta! My news is that I'm now the proud mother if Penelope Rose Saarela (born Feb 1, 2009). I continue four days a week at Duke, and the NSGC board of directors keeps me busy in my spare time.

Holly Peay (1997) I have a new daughter, Simone Gabrielle Peay, born 1/22/09. She joins sons Miles (9) and Alec (6). Said daughter had an ear infection and croup during NSGC so I didn’t get to do anything fun like go to reunions.

MaryAnn Whalen Campion (2000) Sorry to miss everyone in Atlanta, but as you may have heard, Kevin and I had a baby boy 2 days before... Mason Rossi Campion. We are now swimming in a pool of blissful adoration and complete exhaustion.

Rhonda Scanlon (2002) I am still a genetic counselor at MSU, although I’ve recently started seeing cancer patients along with my reproductive patients and stopped seeing pediatrics. I’m enjoying it. It is nice to have job security despite the terribly poor economy...My husband, Bill, and I are happily married after 7 years and have two adorable shih tzu who are 4 years old. We are very proud puppy-parents. Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

Molly Dixon (2006) I'm still working at Saint Luke's Cancer Institute in Kansas City coordinating the cancer genetics program. But...our big news is that we're expecting twin boys, Asher William and Bram Wesley. They are due in March. It will be crazy, but we are thrilled!

Karen Echerd Corneliusen (2007) I continue to enjoy working as a prenatal genetic counselor with Duke Perinatal Consultants in Greensboro and Burlington. Skip and I were married over Memorial Day weekend and were happy to share the day with classmates who made the journey to North Carolina.

Melissa Ciano Byler (2007) Tim and I were married September 26th and we are currently living in Syracuse while he does his Urology residency.