



TO: Faculty, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

FR: Linda C. Martin
Associate Dean and Director for Academic Affairs

DA: February 22, 2016

RE: **RODNEY F. PLIMPTON OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD - COLLEGE OF FOOD,
AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

This award, renamed in honor of Professor Rodney F. Plimpton, was presented to Monica Guisti. The 2016 competition begins with this announcement.

Dr. Rodney F. Plimpton was an unusually exuberant, dynamic teacher during his career at Ohio State University. From the time he entered Ohio State in 1959, he served as an effective teaching and research assistant. During his faculty tenure from 1965 until his untimely death in 1987, he was twice honored as recipient of the University Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award. The tremendous number of undergraduate students who sought him as an academic advisor provides clear evidence of his extremely effective relationship with students. He was major advisor to 26 graduate students and highly respected nationally as a speaker and public writer on meat science and teaching. The American Meat Science Association Distinguished Teaching Award was bestowed on him in 1978. Dr. Plimpton served on the University Senate and vigorously contributed challenging ideas and wisdom to numerous committees and projects. He spent his entire career at Ohio State devoting his time and tremendous energy to enabling his students to become the best that they could be. Dr. Plimpton was an excellent example of the criteria to receive this outstanding teaching award.

The **Rodney F. Plimpton Outstanding Teacher Award** is intended to recognize and encourage CFAES faculty members with the rank of assistant or associate professor who exemplify excellence in and commitment to teaching. No more than two awards will be presented. Each award includes a plaque and \$500 for the recipient and \$500 for the home department/school to enhance its teaching program.

An explanation of the award and criteria for selection is attached.

Schedule for the 2016 Awards Program

1. Completed nomination form plus **three copies** must be submitted to Dr. Martin by **March 21, 2016**; the award will be presented at the College Recognition Banquet on **April 7, 2016**.