



## **KENNETH A. SPENCER AWARD 2016 KANSAS CITY SECTION OF ACS**

**AGNES M. RIMANDO**

Dr. Agnes M. Rimando is the 2016 recipient of the Kenneth A. Spencer Award for Outstanding Achievements in Agricultural and Food Chemistry. The Award is supported and administrated by the Kansas City Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

She will receive the most prestigious award of the American Chemical Society for agricultural and food chemistry at the Spencer Award Banquet in Kansas City, MO in September 2016, and will be further recognized by an Awards Symposium, co-sponsored by the ACS Divisions of Agricultural & Food Chemistry (AGFD) and Agrochemicals, at the national meeting of the ACS in Philadelphia in August 2016.

Dr. Rimando is known worldwide for her discovery of pterostilbene in blueberries, and its health benefits. Increases in blueberry sales, attributed to her research works, have been reported. She is inventor/co-inventor of USDA patents related to pterostilbene that has led to commercialization of at least 40 pterostilbene-containing products currently on the market. She is a Research Chemist and a Lead Scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Natural Products Utilization Research Unit in Oxford, MS. She has received several awards in the past for her outstanding research and significant contribution to a better understanding of the science behind natural foods and food products. These include the 2014 Federal Laboratory Consortium Excellence in Technology Transfer Award, 2014 ACS Fellow, 2014 ACS-AGFD Fellow, 2012 AGFD Distinguished Service Award, 2010 ACS Ole Miss Section Researcher of the Year, 2009 USDA ARS Mid-South Area Senior Scientist of the Year, to name a few out of a long list of awards and honors she received in the past few years.