

Feature Friday: Kyriaki Zinoviadou, Athinoula A. Martinos Endowed Professor of 2017



This week we are debuting our Feature Friday series with Professor Kyriaki "Kiki" Zinoviadou of Perrotis College. Kiki arrived at Perrotis in 2011 to work as a part-time lecturer for the Food Science & Technology department, and since become one of the major's two full-time professors. She earned her BSc in Food Science from Aristotle University before heading off to Wageningen University in the Netherlands, where she earned her Masters in Product and Ingredient Functionality on a scholarship from NUFFIC (Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education). She returned to Thessaloniki to complete her PhD in Food Science and Technology at Aristotle University, working as a fellow of the Ministry of Education.

Kiki came to Perrotis seven years ago during the inaugural year of the Food Science & Technology department in 2011, and has been a critical part of the department's success in the last seven years. She has numerous publications in books and peer review journals and several

students that have completed their thesis under her supervision have presented their work at Food Science conferences. Kiki credits the small classes and close community at Perrotis to her students' success. **"Classes are small and hands-on, giving students easy access to their professors," she said. "These close relationships have allowed us to encourage and support our students to take advantage of research and conference opportunities."**

Kiki recalls many fond memories of working with students over the years. In 2015, one of her former thesis advisees, Natalija Kozarevska, received a scholarship from the French Government to study at the prestigious ERASMUS Mundus program in Paris. According to Kiki, "[It] was a very special moment. After graduating, Natalija had stayed an additional year at Perrotis as a Research Assistant, so we were quite close by that time. The whole department was very excited for her."

In recognition of her research and commitment to her students, **Kiki received the Athinoula A. Martinos Endowed Professorship award this past year.** The award is funded by Thanassis Martinos, who established the Endowment in memory of his daughter Athinoula. Every year, 4% of the endowment covers the salary of a distinguished professor of Perrotis College.

In addition to her work as a professor, Kiki judges olive oil at competitions and is a member of the National Table Olive Taste Panel. She lives in a village outside of Thessaloniki with her husband and 3 year old son George.