



aimed at improving the quality of life for many. Rhatigan knew that a number of faculty members at WSU were engaged in that kind of work.

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Initially, Rhatigan submitted three research projects to See to illustrate the kind of exciting work that could be supported with his investment. While impressed by those projects, See eventually chose to create a fund to inspire and reward a variety of projects, which would be selected by the university.

"Although it's expected that most awards would go to faculty doing advanced scholarly work, Mr. See wants any idea to be eligible for consideration, including that done by students," Rhatigan said.

WSU President John Bardo called See's gift exciting and influential.

"This is the kind of award that helps create a campus culture that very strongly endorses research with significant impact," Bardo said. "We are trying to encourage our faculty to step out and do something really big, something that creates value beyond the campus. This award really speaks to that."

Although he was born in Nevada, See grew up in New York. He was married for 60 years to Jane See, and has a daughter and a grandson. His son, John See Jr., died in 2012.

A photograph of John A. See can be found at [www.wichita.edu/foundationphotos](http://www.wichita.edu/foundationphotos)

John A. See, left, with James Rhatigan, WSU consultant, and Linda Constable, See's attorney, has made a \$1 million commitment to Wichita State to encourage and reward outstanding projects.

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