

## **Patricia See (1940-2022)**



### **In Memoriam**

Dear Friends,

I am writing to inform you of the sad news of the passing of Professor Emerita Pat See, of the Sociology Department, Wilkinson College, on October 28, 2022. Pat died from the result of a major stroke she suffered in March 2022. I did not know Pat as well as some of you but we did cross paths from time to time at Chapman and I never knew Pat not to be laughing, smiling, cheerful, positive and kind. She welcomed you on equal footing, knowing no strangers and knowing no people who were less than. According to her friend, Professor Emeritus, Myron Yeager, "the university has lost a legend, a jewel."

Pat is survived by her daughter, Ariana See.

Below, please find a fitting tribute of Pat by the Dean of Wilkinson College, Professor Jennifer Keene. I hope we can all be inspired by Pat, during her walk in life, and go forward as she did, with joy and service to others.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Horn  
Communications Chair  
Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association of Chapman University

***The following was sent by Jennifer Keene, Dean of Wilkinson College***

It is with great sadness that I write to share the news that Professor Emerita Patricia See has passed away. For over 50 years, Dr. See provided exemplary service to the university in many

capacities. She served as director of the University Honors program, the head of the Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honors chapter at Chapman and held multiple roles in faculty governance. She was selected as one of the “150 Faces” of Chapman University during our 150-anniversary celebrations, reflecting her monumental influence on the educational experience of multiple generations of students. On the occasion of her fiftieth year at Chapman, former and current students organized a surprise celebration for her.

Professor See had suffered a stroke in March of 2022, from which she never fully recovered. She died peacefully on October 28.

Across her career, Dr. See was a pillar of the Sociology Department. She taught courses in microsociology, the sociology of consciousness, holistic health, and her legendary course in marriage and the family. Her teaching earned her a range of outstanding teaching awards on both the school and university level and recognition from her peers that she was one of the best within a faculty of dedicated and effective instructors.

As director of the Honors Program when it was housed in Wilkinson College, she engaged faculty from across the campus to offer some of Chapman’s best students courses uniquely designed to challenge and intrigue them.

Dr. See worked tirelessly to create a campus culture in which female, minority, and economically disadvantaged students could thrive. Her record of community engagement is equally impressive and includes decades of running therapy groups for female inmates at the California Institute for Women in Corona. She was also heavily involved in Town and Gown, ensuring that Chapman had a beneficial impact on our neighboring community.

Dr. See was one of our most celebrated and influential faculty, and she will forever be cherished by those lucky enough to have known her. Her commitment to Chapman ran deep, and she leaves a legacy of distinguished contributions that substantially shaped the university.