

# SAM A. JOHNSON ENDOWMENTS

PROVIDING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT  
FOR THE ARTS & HUMANITIES



The Sam A. Johnson Endowment for Arts and Humanities Scholarships are awarded annually to support students planning to major in a field of the arts or humanities, with a preference given to students intending to major in English, Communications, Journalism, History, Philosophy, Library Science, Music, Theater Arts, or Visual Arts. The Sam A. Johnson Endowment for Program Support makes awards annually to strengthen Arts & Humanities programming at LRSC and in the Devils Lake Region community.

Sam A. Johnson has been a life-long advocate of the Arts and Humanities, and has made major contributions in these areas as an educator in the Devils Lake School system, professor and program director at Lake Region State College, as an involved community member in the Lake Region, and as an active member on numerous arts and humanities organizations in North Dakota and the Midwest.

Sam has enjoyed a long association with Lake Region State College, spanning more than four decades and continuing to the present day. Sam's first association with LRSC was from 1981-1998 as an adjunct professor teaching evening English & humanities courses at LRSC while also teaching English full-time for Devils Lake Public Schools. Additionally, Sam conducted continuing education courses for area teachers, as well as special interest humanities classes for the general public. From 1998-2003 Sam served as a half-time grant & curriculum specialist where he developed, wrote, and received a variety of grants and financial awards to help

develop and promote special projects and programs at LRSC, such as TRIO, the nursing program, Interpreter Training program, College for Kids, and many Arts & Humanities programs. As a full-time professor from 2003-2006, Sam taught a variety of courses in English and humanities, on-campus, on-line, and for dual credit over the interactive video network. During this time he also served as the faculty adviser for the college newspaper, Royal Times, and also served on several statewide committees for the Arts & Humanities. In 2006, Sam became the first Instructional Design Coordinator at LRSC, tasked with helping design the expanding online program. Sam coordinated the development of master online courses and assisted faculty in modifying and converting their on-campus courses for online learning. During this time he also conducted workshops & training programs across the state while also continuing to teach English & humanities

courses online, as well as develop and direct various humanities programs. Although retired from full-time teaching since 2010, Sam has continued to teach online classes for Lake Region State College as an associate professor of English and humanities on a part-time basis, while also conducting his own personal writing and research projects.

Also an active member of his community, Sam was the videographer for local schools and other community programs and with the Ft. Totten Little Theater. He was a board member on the Arts and Humanities Council of the Lake Region and on the Lake Region Orchestra Association. He served on the Devils Lake Carnegie Public Library board and was a member and officer of Devils Lake Heim Lodge Sons of Norway and the Lake Region Wood Carvers.