

OKLAHOMA EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME GAINS ABRAMSON AND LEHMAN **Ceremony Saturday, September 29**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Two Oklahoma education leaders have been selected for induction into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame – Dr. Charles L. Abramson and Dr. Kirby A. Lehman. The thirty-second annual induction ceremony and banquet will be Saturday, September 29 beginning at 6 p.m. at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City.

	<p>Dr. Abramson, of Stillwater, esteemed author and educator has dedicated 32 years to education, with 25 of those at Oklahoma State University. He has mentored and served hundreds of students and faculty at all levels of education – from primary, secondary to collegiate. Abramson has been recognized by the Oklahoma Legislature twice for his teaching contributions, is considered one of the top 60 teaching psychologists in the United States, earned a national teaching award from the American Psychological Association, received the OSU Regents Teaching Award, and earned the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence in Teaching Medal for Research University Teaching. He has been recognized internationally by Brazilian universities due to his efforts in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. He is known for his extensive contributions to STEM, development of teaching activities, grant funding, psychology and research. Dr. Abramson has published more than 250 articles, 20 books and is a well-known speaker nationally and internationally.</p>
	<p>Dr. Lehman, of Tulsa, spent 45 years in education, serving in all roles from Teacher, Principal to Superintendent. Of the many years devoted to education, 23 of them he spent in Jenks Public Schools. He has served as the President of the United Suburban Schools Association, Legislative Chair and Executive Committee member for the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators, and numerous philanthropy and community committees and boards. Lehman is a sought-after public speaker nationally, as well as internationally. He was named the CCOSA Oklahoma Administrator of the Year in 2006 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. Dr. Lehman is a visionary in education and his powerful advocacy for better policy and funding has awarded him the label of “champion for school children” by many fellow educators.</p>

"Our board is proud to have chosen these esteemed educators to join the 98 leaders who have been inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame since its inception in 1984," President Eugene Earsom said.

Hall of Fame nominees are evaluated in seven areas, including professional experience, recognitions and awards, research, community service and leadership. Following the ceremony, portraits of the inductees will be added to those on display in the Oliver Hodge Building, Oklahoma Department of Education.

Members of the media are invited to attend the event and feature Dr. Abramson and Dr. Lehman for their many years of dedicated public service to education. High resolution photos are available upon request, email: oklaedhof@gmail.com.