

Hall of Fame Banquet November 30

Ward & Allen to be honored by Enid School Foundation

Two business leaders and philanthropists have been selected as the newest members of the Enid Public School Foundation Hall of Fame – Lew Ward and Greg Allen.

The sixth-annual EPSF Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cherokee Strip Conference Center. Cost is \$50. School employees and students may purchase tickets for \$20.

Both Ward and Allen have made significant contributions to Enid and to their professional areas of interest.

“We are so proud to have the opportunity to honor Mr. Ward and Mr. Allen,” Ann Ritchie, Hall of Fame chair, said. “They have achieved so much in their respective fields. They inspire current and future students of Enid High to reach for the stars and to never give up on their dreams.”

Lew Ward, Enid business leader and philanthropist, is chairman of Ward Petroleum Corporation. Ward Petroleum Corporation was listed in Inc. Magazine as



Lew Ward



Greg Allen

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one of America's 500 fastest growing private companies in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

Mr. Ward's leadership has made a number of local projects and programs possible, including the soon-to-begin construction of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center and a recent community-wide performance by the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Gov. Brad Henry selected Ward for the 2006 Governor's Arts Award. Ward is also a founding member of the University of Oklahoma Energy Center. He served as chairman of the Independent Petroleum Association of America from

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1995-97, among other accomplishments.

Greg Allen, a 1980 Enid High School graduate, is the President and CEO of Advance Food Company, a manufacturer and marketer of value-added food products headquartered in Enid. The company operates nine plants in four states and employs more than 2,100 people. Its products are sold throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. Revenues for 2006 will exceed \$500 million.

Allen's commitment to the growth and development of the company has made a tremendous economic impact on Enid and Northwest Oklahoma.

In addition to his responsibilities with Advance, Allen is a director of BOK Financial Corporation and Advance Brands, LLC. He also serves on the Board of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Allen, a graduate of Harvard Law School, is a member of the Young Presidents Organization and a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma. He is involved with several local civic organizations as well.

EPSF is a non-profit organization, operated by a volunteer Board of Trustees, which supports Enid Public Schools. Proceeds from the Hall of Fame Banquet, as well as other fund-raisers, benefit the organization's Grants-To-Teachers program, which provides as much as \$30,000 in materials and programs to schools annually.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 580.234.5270.

Board Notes



This week, November 13-17, is American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." This

theme highlights the importance of bringing together educators, school staff, students, parents, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. It recognizes the nation's efforts to provide students with quality public schools so they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century.



Board of Education members approved a resolution calling for the annual school board election. The filing period for Offices No. 2 & 5 will

be December 4-6. David Meara (2) has announced that he will not seek re-election; however, Taylor Branstetter (5) said he plans to file for the remainder of his term. Branstetter was appointed to the board after Bill Grimes passed away in March.



The Board of Education conducted its annual budget hearing, approved the [2007 meeting schedule](#) and approved a contract

with Dan Buckley for transition services in the absence of a computer network administrator.

Thanksgiving Break November 22-24

