

Charles Schusterman



Birth and Death Year

1945-2000

Induction Year

2000

Profession

Philanthropist

Oklahoma Connection

Schusterman is native to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Fun Fact

Charles Schusterman was among the top 10 graduating seniors at OU and founded the Samson Investment Company, which he named in honor of his immigrant father, Sam, who died when Charles was 19.

Quote

"Charles Schusterman represents the finest qualities of Oklahomans. He is a hard-working, extremely able and creative leader with a strong desire to give back to his home state."

-David L. Boren, 2000

Bio

Oklahoma native Charles Schusterman graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and served in the U. S. Army before returning to Oklahoma to work in the oilfield salvage business. He later founded Samson Investment Company, which became one of the 30 largest independent oil and gas companies in the U. S. He and his wife formed the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation to focus on education, children, and the community. Ten million dollars was donated to OU to establish the Schusterman Campus of the OU Health Sciences Center in Tulsa. The group also supports Tulsa Public Schools, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in Oklahoma City, and the Schusterman-Josey Chair in Jewish Studies. The couple received the *Philanthropist of the Year Award*, among other national medical research and philanthropic awards.