Rougher 300 - Honoring Community Service

In its work to create both lifelong learners and lifelong citizens, and in cooperation with the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce and the Muskogee Nonprofit Resource Center, Muskogee High School has created an honor for those students dedicated to serving their community. Students who serve 300 or more hours of service over the course of their studies at MHS will be designated as *Rougher 300* honorees during their graduation commencement ceremony.

In order for MHS students to be granted service hours to qualify for the *Rougher 300*, the following criteria must be met:

- Service activities are done on behalf of others (not including immediate family members or Court mandated hours).
- The primary intent of the activity is to aid and assist others for the good of the community and mankind.
- No compensation (grade, class credit, monetary or other) has been given.
- Service activities may be done outside the school day, during unscheduled time, or certain activities done within the school day that are voluntary and not tied to academics (activities approved by the selection committee).
- The acts of service must promote the values incorporated in the Muskogee High School Mission Statement.

In keeping with these criteria, contributions that students make to both the school and the greater community can be recognized for entry into the *Rougher 300*. In addition to recognition of seniors who have achieved at least 300 hours, they are given cords to wear during graduation, and the Chamber, the Nonprofit Resource Center, and MHS have partnered to recognize all students who meet certain benchmarks in community service. All students with a minimum of 75 hours per grade level are honored at a banquet hosted in the spring. The benchmarks begin in the freshmen year; a student who earns a minimum of 75 hours is eligible, sophomores with 150, juniors with 225, and finally seniors with 300 hours collectively qualify to attend. Additionally, the senior girl and boy with the highest number of hours is eligible for a financial award, this is given at the spring banquet.

*Applications for the *Rougher 300* honor are due no later than the Monday after Spring Break!*