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Rowe to Receive Michigan's Highest Honor in the Pharmacy Profession

Jeffrey Rowe will receive the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Pharmacist of the Year Award during the Association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. This award is Michigan's highest honor in the pharmacy profession.

Rowe has been engaged in many areas of pharmacy practice, supported the future of the profession, and volunteered his time and expertise to the Association and the community. With more than 30 years of experience in the specialty pharmacy industry, Rowe most recently served as executive vice president and a Board member for Diplomat Inc., the largest independent specialty pharmacy company in the United States. During his tenure with Diplomat, the company grew from a single location with less than \$5 million in revenue to 16 locations and \$3 billion in sales. In addition, it became a publically traded company in the New York Stock Exchange.

Rowe joined Diplomat in 1993 as a staff pharmacist, concentrating on building the organization's compounding and complementary services. He also served as the pharmacy manager from 1997 to 2006. Before joining Diplomat, he owned two successful independent pharmacies in Genesee County.

A member of MPA since 1979, Rowe is a past president and treasurer of Genesee County Pharmacists Association. He has frequently served as a delegate to the MPA House of Delegates and served as treasurer on the MPA Executive Board from 2002-2007. Rowe is currently active on the MPA Third Party Committee, a group he has been a member of since 2000. He is also a member of the American Pharmacists Association and National Community Pharmacists Association.

In his community, Rowe serves on the Board for several non- and for-profit organizations, including St. Luke's New Life Center, a nonprofit dedicated to educating and training at-risk individuals to prepare them for the job market. He currently serves as Board president for St. Luke's. Additionally, Rowe is a volunteer at Genesee County Free Clinic.

He and his wife Annette have always shown the utmost support for the profession and for the development of up-and-coming pharmacists. They recently donated \$1.5 million to Ferris State University College of Pharmacy to support the renovation of the Hagerman Pharmacy Building and a scholarship for student pharmacists who are accepted into the Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration program at the college.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan, strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit www.MichiganPharmacists.org.

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