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Ruffing to be Honored as Michigan Health-System Pharmacist of the Year

Lansing, Mich. – Michael J. Ruffing, Pharm.D. will be honored as the 2016 Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Pharmacist of the Year at the Society's Annual Meeting on Oct. 28.

Dr. Ruffing has spent his career working to continually advance opportunities for pharmacists and helping to create the most prepared pharmacists for the future of the profession. Dr. Ruffing is active in many local, state and national pharmacy associations, and has served MSHP as a Director on the Board and as President. He also extended his service to the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP) as a Board member and President. Dr. Ruffing is also extensively involved with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), most notably as a participant at the ASHP Ambulatory Care Summit in 2014. That same year, Dr. Ruffing was also a key organizer in the 2014 MSHP Ambulatory Care Summit. Beyond his work with ASHP, Dr. Ruffing has served as the SMSHP representative to the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) House of Delegates and has sat as Chair for the MSHP Professional and Legal Affairs Committee.

Dr. Ruffing graduated from West Virginia University College of Pharmacy and earned his Pharm.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. At Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburg, Penn., Dr. Ruffing completed a General Pharmacy Residency followed by a Critical Specialty Residency at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Dr. Ruffing has worked as a clinical pharmacist specialist in critical care as well as a clinical coordinator and pharmacy manager at Detroit Receiving Hospital before becoming the Director of Pharmacy Services at Sinai-Grace Hospital. Throughout his career he has precepted students and residents in critical care, participated in research and published several articles and written textbook chapters. Dr. Ruffing has participated in the Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation's Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, a three-day, 300 mile bike ride from Brooklyn, Mich. to Traverse City, ultimately combining his love of cycling with his unmatched ability to give back and serve those around him.

MSHP is a practice section of MPA consisting of more than 600 health-system pharmacy professionals. Since its founding in 1883, MPA has been a leader in the professional and scientific advancement of pharmacy and in safeguarding the well-being of individual patients in Michigan.

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