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David J. Campana Awarded Michigan’s Highest Honor in the Pharmacy Profession

David J. Campana of Marquette will receive the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Pharmacist of the Year Award during the Association’s Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 22-24 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. This award is Michigan’s highest honor in the pharmacy profession.

Campana has spent his career focusing strengthening the profession of pharmacy and finding opportunities to advance the profession for over 30 years. He first earned his biology degree from Northern Michigan University. After completing that degree, he served two years in the U.S. Army as Military Police. Upon finishing his time in the Army, Campana returned to Ferris State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree.

After living both in Lansing and Denver, Colo. for several years, Campana returned to the Upper Peninsula to take a job working for Snyder Drugs. In 1991, he purchased Campus Pharmacy in Marquette, and owned and operated the independent pharmacy until 2009. Throughout this time he remained active in the Michigan Pharmacists Association and the Upper Peninsula Division. He served five terms as president of the UP-MPA as well as nine years as the treasurer of the Division. In addition he served on the MPA Executive Board for three years from 2009-2011. He has been involved in various MPA Committees including the MPA/Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists Public Affairs Committee, the MPA Membership Task Force, and has been a delegate of the MPA House of Delegates. In 2011, he was also inducted in the MPA Hall of Honor for his ongoing commitment to the profession and Association.

Campana devotes himself to all that he does. He was elected as City Commissioner of Marquette City in 2013 and has served as the City’s mayor for the last three years. Since he retired from practice, he has developed a needle destruction program for the area. On a monthly basis, he picks up sharps containers from pharmacies in Marquette County and disposes of them. He has continued to advocate for the pharmacy profession and demonstrate what it means to be a Michigan pharmacist.

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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