Kadlec Receives the Bowl of Hygeia Award for Ongoing Commitment to Pharmacy Profession

Gary W. Kadlec of Rochester Hills received the coveted Bowl of Hygeia Award during the 2019 Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 22-24 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Bowl of Hygeia Award, presented in cooperation with the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, is given to a pharmacist who has made outstanding professional contributions and has participated in community or governmental activities that reflect well on the pharmacy profession.

Gary Kadlec is a third-generation pharmacist who grew up working with both his grandfather and father in their community pharmacies. Kadlec attended Ferris State University School of Pharmacy and then the Michigan State University School of Business, where he received his Honorary Doctor of Science degree. Since graduating from pharmacy school Kadlec has been, and continues to be, active in many pharmacy associations on the local, state and national level. He is a Past President of the Oakland County Pharmacists Association, the Michigan Pharmacists Association, and the American Pharmacists Association where he also served as Treasurer for 2 three-year terms. Kadlec is currently the Chairman of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education in Washington DC and currently a board member of The Pink Fund in Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Kadlec has contributed to a number of publications including the Michigan Pharmacist Journal. He has received a number of awards throughout his career recognizing his work, including the Merck Outstanding Achievement in the Profession of Pharmacy Award, Ferris State University School of Pharmacy’s Clark A. Andreson Award, Ferris State University, Honorary Doctorate Award, American Pharmacists Association Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Distinguished Achievement Award in Administrative Practice, American Pharmacists Association Foundation Jacob W. Miller Award, Ferris State University College of Pharmacy, Distinguished Alumni Award, and the American Pharmacists Association, Hugo H. Schaefer Award.

Kadlec ran pharmacy businesses in hospital, long term care, hospice and specialty pharmacy areas and retired from Diplomat Pharmacy at the end of 2016, where, as President, he helped complete an IPO on the New York Stock Exchange on October 10, 2014. Kadlec has been a forward-thinking and enterprising healthcare executive, with extensive experience guiding medication therapy management, pharmacy dispensing centers, and supportive businesses at multiple locations on a national scale. His focus was on achieving exceptional results in a highly competitive environment through continuous improvement efforts. He has been a top-performing leader, who cultivated key partnerships internally and externally to produce outstanding results and secure the long-term viability of the organizations he led. All of the organizations he led were, as Kadlec, committed to optimal patient care. He continues his commitment to remain up to date and relevant, as evidenced by his recent completion of a year as a Harvard Advanced Leadership Fellow in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Through his membership on the Boards of the non-profits, The Pink Fund, and the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Kadlec continues to give back to patients and his profession.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians, 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.