

2024 Outstanding Mentor Award: Dr. Michael Rybak

Just a few of Dr. Rybak's accomplishments:

- Over 475 peer-reviewed manuscripts, over 550 research abstracts and accumulating over 20 million dollars of funding from NIH, research foundations, and pharmaceutical industry.
- Founded fellowship in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy at the Anti-Infective Research Laboratory at Wayne State University in 1985.
- Graduated/trained over 50 fellows with diverse career paths including 30 in academic positions:
 - 1 Dean, 3 Associate Deans, 2 Chairs, 4 full professors, 11 associate professors, 9 assistant professors
- “mentoring does not stop at graduation”
- Fellows have developed a networking community that includes their own trainees.



In their own words:

“First, Mike has been a pioneer in our field. He has been breaking silos and barriers for the Infectious Diseases Pharmacist for nearly five decades. He is one of the most highly respected infectious diseases pharmacists and researchers in our profession and arguably one of the most respected and influential pharmacist scientists in the world.”

“His decades of mentorship and commitment to pharmacy have impacted our profession in ways we may never be able to comprehend.”

“He is an authentic, always available and engaged mentor who does not shy away from giving his mentees “the truth” and pushing them to be the best possible version of themselves.”

“Dr. Rybak's mentorship embodies a commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, creating a supportive and inclusive environment where individuals from all backgrounds can thrive and succeed in their professional and personal endeavors.”

“Mike has been the most influential person in my career development and early career success, without question. Training under Mike has planted the seeds to push my career trajectory in ways that I could have never imagined.”