2018 Mike Sadler Competitive Edge Award

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Updated lighting design in MSU Library wins this year's Sadler Award

The 2018 Mike Sadler Competitive Edge Award was presented to a team of Applied Engineering Sciences (AES) students at Michigan State University during the 2018 Spring Design Day awards ceremony on Friday, April 27.

It was the second presentation of the annual award that honors Sadler, a 2013 AES graduate and the first football player in Spartan history to earn Academic All-America honors four times. As a punter for MSU’s football team, Sadler was well known for giving his team a competitive edge by flipping the field with perfect punts that pinned the opponents back near their own end zone. Sadler died in 2016.

The 2018 AES winning project is considered to have “flipped the field” with an innovative, creative, and competitive solution. The winning team’s three-part plan called for updates to the lighting systems in MSU’s Library and proposed more options for efficiencies and flexibility inside the 1955 structure. The team was sponsored by MSU Sustainability.

Both Sadler’s mother, Karen, and MSU Head Football Coach Mark Dantonio, attended the ceremony and presented the Mike Sadler Competitive Edge Award to the winning team.

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