The Mike Sadler Competitive Edge Award

As punter for Michigan State University's football team, Mike 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.

In addition to being well known as an outstanding punter, Mike was also well known for being an outstanding scholar, exemplifying what it means to be a true student-athlete.

Mike was the first football player in Spartan history to earn Academic All-America honors four times. He was a two-time first-team Academic All-American, a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, and a William V. Campbell trophy finalist.

Mike completed an undergraduate degree in Applied Engineering Sciences in just three years and then went on to earn a master's degree in Public Policy. After graduating from MSU in 2015, he was excited to begin Stanford Law School.

The Mike Sadler Competitive Edge Award will be presented annually to the Applied Engineering Sciences capstone team that strives to achieve the highest possible outcome in order to attain the next level of success. The winning project will be considered to have "flipped the field" with an innovative and creative solution that results in a competitive edge that not only solves the problem but distances itself from the competition.

"I am very proud to call myself an Applied Engineering Sciences alumnus. The program has fostered within me maturity, discipline, leadership, and a worldy sense of systems thinking."

- Mike Sadler

