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Spence is a landscape architect, designer and campus planner whose diverse set of creative and technological skills allow him to bring passion, meaning and artistic sensibility to the design of broad, as well as intimately scaled outdoor settings. With nearly thirty years of experience, Mr. Nickel has spent the past eighteen years of professional practice focused on significant outdoor campus, health care and higher education environments involving places of special meaning. Mr. Nickel has an exceptional depth of experience in Colorado high country projects and ecosystems involving education and health care programs.

5Design, Inc. can efficiently and effectively meet your most demanding landscape architectural design and contract document production needs. Having provided exceptional service to many of the region's best architects, engineers and campus clients, 5Design has a proven, outstanding record for providing the most cost effective, high level site and landscape design services available.



An accomplished designer, artist, illustrator and team member, 5Design, Inc. owner Spencer J Nickel's work is the result of close collaboration amongst clients, engineers, architects, contractors and stakeholders to arrive at solutions sensitive to budget and schedule, resulting in sustainable places of great meaning and function. His efforts have been featured in the recent book *"Built for Learning: A Unified Architectural Vision for the University of Denver,"* documenting the past decade of landscape and architectural development at the University. Spencer's work has been recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects, Colorado Chapter, as well as the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles.

Spencer combines sound design, process, computer graphics, CAD skills and photography with hand-drawn sketches and illustrations to provide his clients with a broad array of creative, elegant and powerful design solutions.



Holocaust Memorial / Social Action Site, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

Shattered "Glass" Lattice Panels symbolizing Kristallnacht and concepts of positive and negative, light and dark. Spencer J Nickel, Project Artist / 5Design, Inc. Landscape Architect of Record.

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**Education:**

Colorado State University, College of Forestry and Natural Resources 1981-1985 Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

Colorado State University, College of Arts and Humanities 1979-1981  
Concentration in fine Arts and Sculpture

**Registrations:**

Registered Landscape Architect, CO #LA294

**Affiliations:**

American Society of Landscape Architects  
Full Member since 1992

**Awards:**

Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles: 1999 Merit  
ASLA, Colorado Chapter Honor Award (Team Award for D.I.A. Landscape Planning)  
Colorado Chapter, 1990

**Award Winning Projects:**

**University of Denver:**

College of Law: 2004 American School and University, Outstanding Design

**University of Colorado, Colorado Springs:**

University Center  
2001 AIA Denver Chapter Award of Honor

**University of Colorado, Colorado Springs:**

Kraemer Family Library  
2001 Community Design Award, 14th annual Partnership for Community Design

**LEED Certified Projects:**

**University of Denver:**

College of Law: Gold 2005

Nagel Residence Hall: Gold 2012

Academic Commons: Silver 2014

Margery Reed Hall: In review

**AIMS Community College:**

Platte Building: Silver 2014

**Colorado School of Mines:**

Maple Hall: Silver 2012

**Experience:**

**1996-Present (20 Years)**

**President/Owner, 5Design, Inc.  
Landscape Architecture**

Responsible for complete array of firm operations including design, contract documents, construction administration, specialty art components and firm marketing.

**5Design Selected Projects- Higher Education:**

**University of Denver-2000-Present:**

Complete landscape architectural design services for the following projects:

- Academic Commons, Penrose Library
- Holocaust Memorial and Social Action Site
- Carnegie Green Planning and Design
- Campus Green Planning and Design
- Nagel Residence Hall
- Sturm College of Law
- Evans Parking Facility
- Kappa Sigma Fraternity House
- Margery Reed Hall
- Engineering Building Planning
- South Campus Master Planning
- Academic Commons West Fountain
- Evans Avenue Streetscape Crossing
- Mary Reed Building/ Campus Entry Planning
- School of Engineering and Computer Science
- Concept Planning for STEMM Green



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**5D Selected Projects- Higher Education (Continued):**

**AIMS Community College-2003-Present:**

Master planning and landscape architecture:

- Multi Campus, System Wide Master Plan
- Campus Pedestrian Promenade Planning and Design
- Beaty Hall Landscape Renovation Project
- Greeley Campus Health Sciences Building
- Master Facility Site Plan, Berthoud Campus
- Campus Aviation Technology Building
- Ft. Lupton Campus Masterplan
- Ft. Lupton Campus New Classroom & Labs Building
- Windsor Campus Master Plan
- Windsor Public Safety Institute Project

**University of Northern Colorado-2000-2003:**

Master planning and landscape architecture:

- Campus Master Plan
- Ursus Sculpture Plaza - Greeley, Colorado

**Colorado School of Mines-2003-2011:**

Golden, Colorado - Master planning and landscape architecture:

- School of Mines Campus Master Plan
- New Residence Hall - Maple Hall

**University of Colorado-1998-1999:**

Boulder, Colorado - Program Planning:

- Law School and Library Program Plan
- Engineering Building Program Plan

**University of Colorado, Colorado Springs- 1997-2000:**

Colorado Springs, Colorado -

- Library Campus Micro Master plan
- New Library
- University Center Upper Plaza

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County-2009:**

- Campus Master plan Update

**Selected Projects- Mountain Projects, 5Design, Inc.**

- Battle Mountain High School and Campus Plan- Edwards, Colorado
- Edwards Medical Center, Edwards, Colorado
- Eagle Valley High School - Gypsum, Colorado
- Summit High School- Tiger Stadium, Breckenridge, Colorado
- The Classical Academy -Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Silver Creek High School - Longmont, Colorado

**Experience Prior to 5Design, Inc.**

**Director of Design, Landscape Architect, Project Manager 1994-1996**

**Design Studios West Inc., Denver, Colorado**

Responsible for directing design efforts firm wide. Mr. Nickel Provided comprehensive landscape architectural design services, project management, production and supervision of contract documents and construction observation for several large scale park and urban waterfront projects. Provided Illustration support for firm promotional materials and preparation of fee proposals and professional services contracts.

**Director of Landscape Architecture Department 1991-1994**

**Pouw and Associates, Inc., Denver, Colorado**

Responsible for comprehensive project management and design efforts including site master planning and schematic design through construction supervision. Responsible for preparation of proposals and promotional materials.

**Project Manager, Project Designer, Landscape Architect 1989-1992**

**The Office of Hyatt, Raines and Vitek, Boulder, Colorado**

Responsible for project management and design for several high end resort and residential community develop-



AIMS Community College, Greeley Campus. Campus-wide pedestrian promenade and outdoor classroom. 5Design, Inc. planning, design and prime consultant

Spencer J Nickel, RLA, ASLA



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Campus Landscape Architecture

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Carroll Family Garden concept sketch, 5Design, Inc.



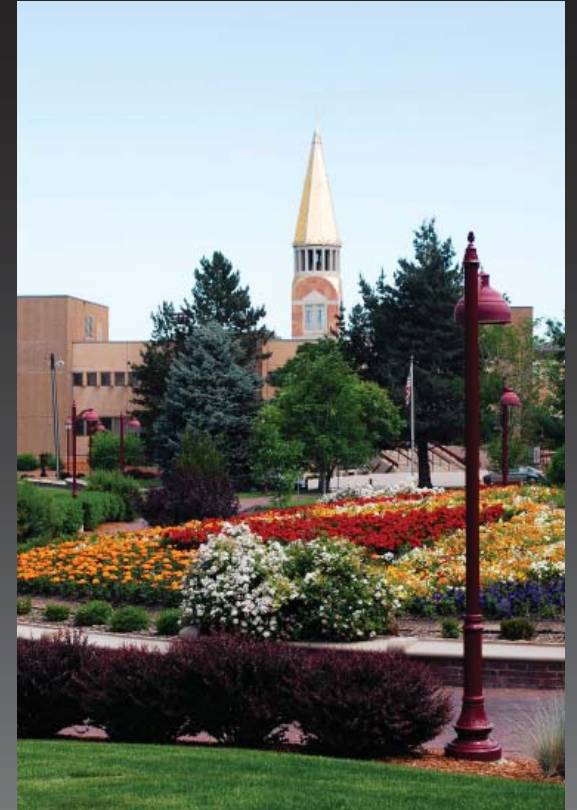
Carroll Family Garden. Design, CDs and stone carving 5Design, Inc.



Battle Mountain High School, Edwards, Colorado .



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University of Denver. College of Law. Site planning, landscape architecture, construction documents, construction administration, 5Design, Inc.



Battle Mountain High School.



Battle Mountain High School. Site planning, design, construction documents, construction administration, 5Design, Inc.



Battle Mountain High School,  
Edwards, Colorado .



Luheran Medical Center, Oncology Healing Gardens. Design, construction documents and stone carving, 5Design, Inc.



AIMS Community College, Greeley, Colorado Campus. Outdoor classroom. Design, construction documents, construction administration, 5Design, Inc.



University of Denver. Kappa Sig fraternity entry stone. Illustrative stone carving, 5Design, Inc.



University of Denver. Carnegie Green. Project design, construction documents, construction administration. 5Design, Inc.

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University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Site wall stone illustrative carving. Design and carving, 5Design, Inc.



University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Site wall stone illustrative carving. Design and carving, 5Design, Inc.



Monument Signs, Bailey, Colorado. Design, logo, stone carving, 5Design, Inc.

