

Everflow

Inspired by the majestic Utah landscape that has been carved over millions of years by the flow of water, Everflow is an environment that invites students, faculty, and visitors alike to come together to reflect, relax, and create. In the midst of the everyday journey of higher education, it can be easy to feel engulfed in waves of stress and uncertainty about the future. It may seem that progress is too slow or non-existent. There is a pull to become too focused on one aspect of the quest for learning and lose the big picture, forgetting the joy of creating.

The structures, pools, and fountains in the Everflow environment will remind visitors that just as the geographic wonders of Utah were shaped over time by the steady flow of water, their education is shaping them to become something wonderful. They will also see that through their steady creative efforts, they in turn will shape their future and leave a legacy for those who follow.

Everflow is designed to be a respite from the worries of college life and a focal point of the University. Everflow will be created in the large open space outside of the central campus library. There are trees on the north side which will be integrated into the mountain side of Everflow, and an existing fountain will also be updated with the Everflow logo. The fountains and pools will be run by a closed-loop, recirculating system and solar-powered pumps. The diversity of the creations of flowing water portrayed in Everflow reflect the diversity of the students, faculty, and visitors and will instill a sense of ownership and belonging to each person who visits. Through this design, Everflow will help visitors understand the importance of the journey they are on and the impact that they have.

Team Members	Major/Minor/Concentration	Role/Contribution to Project
Participant #1	Mechanical Engineering	Writing, Research, Creative Direction
Participant #2	Computer Science	Team Leader, Concept
Participant #3	-	-
Participant #4	Computer Animation/Computer Science	Concept Art, Graphic Design

Story Behind the Design

Water, when it is still, takes the shape of its environment, but when it is in motion, it shapes its environment. Nowhere is this paradox more prevalent than Utah. Once covered in a 20,000-square mile prehistoric lake, Lake Bonneville, the landscape of this now desert state tells the story of flowing water. Glaciers that once took the shape of mountain cavities carved deep canyons in Northern Utah. Rivers that once followed the shape of the landscape cut deeper and newer paths, forming the geographical wonders, arches, and slot canyons of Southern Utah. Rain and wind carried sand and rocks from distant mountain ranges to form the colorful and varied layers of Utah's red rock. Previously stagnant water evaporates and is whisked through the air to become the greatest snow on earth. Education is a force that shapes people and their future like water shapes landscapes. Just as Lake Bonneville receded to create the rivers and lakes which in turn form canyons, ravines, stunning rock formations and even snow, Everflow represents that each person has a background that is shaped by their education, allowing them to move forward and shape their own environments, creating beautiful landscapes in their own lives.

Guest Experience

Guests begin their Everflow experience by entering through the canyon or through the red rock formations. Visitors can then spend time reflecting and relaxing in the space. There are tables available around the pond for studying or spending time with friends. They can also enter a bubble room to find solitude and peace. A slot canyon staircase leads guests to the lower level of Everflow. Directly under the reflecting pond, there is a natural swimming pool where guests can swim and relax. The bottom of the reflecting pond is transparent, allowing natural sunlight to stream through. Visitors are surrounded by a mural showcasing the landscape of Utah, with real waterfalls cascading into the pool. Opposite the pool, a floor-to-ceiling touchscreen allows visitors to creatively express the ways that their education has shaped them, and how they, in turn, shape their own future. Visitors tell their story by painting, writing, making music, or sharing photos and videos. After they tell their story, it floats up to become part of the cloud of stories. In the Everflow experience, guests are invited to have fun, express themselves, relax, spend time with friends, and find inspiration to continue moving forward.

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