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In 1965, the University of Denver’s Dean Robert Yegge invited a young lawyer to teach law at the University. Encouraged by his mentor, Myres S. McDougal, Ved Prakash Nanda made his way West to test the waters. He said he would try it our for two years or so-50 years later, he has left an indelible mark on the University of Denver, its law program, and thousands of graduates of the University.

Ved Nanda continues to encourage, mentor, teach, and manifest himself in the education and lives of everyone around him. He steadfastly pursues to better the world through his involvement in organizations, educational institutions, and local and international communities. He exhorts those he encounters to be catalysts for change and invest in bettering the world with their own contributions, regardless of size.