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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

On March 13, 1916, the Riverside City School Board announced the opening of Riverside Junior College. By September of that year, fourteen rooms had been acquired, a faculty of sixteen recruited and one hundred and ten students enrolled. The first classes were held in classrooms at Old Poly High (as seen below). From 1916 to 1921, all RJC classes were held at the high school. The college eventually moved some of its classes to “The Gage House” (more about that later), then to the Quadrangle when it’s first two wings opened in 1924. Riverside City College eventually acquired the Poly High School property in the 1960’s and expanded.

The building on the left is where the “Bradshaw Student Center” is located today. The structure on the right is the present location of the Life and Physical Science buildings.

It is 4 years and 43 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.
The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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