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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

Mary Chavez’s first day of work at Riverside City College was August 23, 1972. Her first job was as a temporary employee in Student Services and the Financial Aid Office. On February 1, 1973 she transferred to Academic Affairs and became a permanent employee as a clerk-typist. In an interview conducted several years ago, Mary had this to say about RCC: “When I started in 1972, the college was very small. It was easy to know most of my co-workers. The physical layout was much different as there were older homes where the Digital Library and Business Education buildings now stand. When I first started here we used typewriters and spirit duplicators. We didn’t have voice mail, e-mail or computers. I believe the Office of Academic Affairs had the first word processor on campus.”

This month, Mary Chavez retires as an Executive Administrative Assistant for RCCD Educational Services. She leaves after almost 39 years of service to the District. A Retirement Celebration in her honor will be held on June 2nd from 4 to 5pm in the Heritage Room of the RCC Bradshaw Student Center. Mary Chavez’s last day of work for the Riverside Community College District will be on June 30, 2011.

It is 4 years and 41 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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