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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Albert Clarence “Ab” Brown Jr. was a 1939 graduate of Riverside Junior College. While at the college, he was elected ASB President. Following a World War II stint in the U.S. Navy, he began working as a salesman in his father’s auto parts chain. He later started an engine rebuilding service in Riverside which he ran until selling it in 1983. In 1964 he ran for and won a seat on the very first Riverside City College Board of Trustees, serving until 1977. In 1978 he was named the RCCD’s twenty-second Alumnus of the Year. That same year he was elected Mayor of the City of Riverside, serving three terms until 1990. The photo, below left, is from the 1939 RJC “Tequesquite” yearbook. The advertisement, below right, ran in the October 23, 1981 issue of the RCC “Viewpoints” student newspaper.

It is 4 years and 30 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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