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**Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary**

This week marks the 96th Fall Semester opening for Riverside City College. The student enrollment is estimated to be around 21,000. Seventy-eight years ago, in 1933, Riverside Junior College celebrated its 18th Fall Semester opening. The student enrollment that year was 612. In the October 2, 1933 edition of “The Arroyo” student newspaper, A.G. Paul (Principal-Director-President 1920-1950), Frances Fraser (Dean of Women 1923-1956) and Kenneth Nichols (Student Body President / Class of 1934) welcomed RJC students to the new academic year. Paul challenged the students to find a reason why they were in college and to attempt to justify it. Fraser urged students to call on her if they needed help. Nichols invited students to participate in the extra-curricular activities available at the college.

It is 4 years and 28 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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