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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

Even though it’s April, “March Madness” officially ends this week with the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championship games tonight and tomorrow. Riverside City College’s Women’s Basketball team had its own “March Madness” in 1986. On March 15th 1986, RCC Coach Mike Barnes’ team defeated Fullerton College 64 to 54 to win the California Community College State Championship. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this achievement. Two members of this team (Bethel Lauder #42 and Karan Polk #20) were inducted into the RCCD Athletic Hall of Fame.


Thanks to Mike Barnes for providing the championship team photo.

It is 4 years and 49 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

The 1985-86 Riverside City College Women’s Basketball Team was undefeated (33-0) and won the California Community College State Championship. The Head Coach was Michael Barnes (Associate Professor, Counseling 1981 to date). From 1966-68, Barnes was a Riverside City College student and a member of the RCC Men’s Basketball Team.
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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