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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

Holiday appearance photographs of Riverside City College Performing Arts groups, throughout the years, are reproduced below.


(Top photo – 12/16/55 “Tiger Times”) Carolers sing in the Quadrangle. (Bottom photo – 1955 “Tequesquite” yearbook) RCC Choir sings at the Christmas Assembly.
The 1965 yearbook described the season as:

“The Yuletide is many things. Most conspicuous in the workaday world of Santa Claus and exhortations to Christmas shopping is the secular aspect of the holiday season. In its essence, however, Christmas is, of course, a religious festival, and this sacred note most appropriately finds expression in a public junior college in the music of the season. Choral and instrumental groups rehearsed the treasured songs which express Christendom’s ancient joy in the Nativity, and performed their music before many campus and community groups. In their own churches, in the private sector of their lives, many students were further inspired with the deeper meanings of Christmas, and this, of course, increased their delight in all phases, even the secular, of the season’s activities.”

(Top photo – 1965 “Tequesquite” yearbook) Dr. Edwin Sayre (Associate Professor of Music, chairman of Fine and Applied Arts Division 1946-1967) leads the RCC Choir at the Christmas Assembly. (Bottom photo – 1966 “Tequesquite” yearbook) The RCC “Vocalaires” (also conducted by Dr. Sayre) and band perform at the Christmas Assembly.
(Top photo – December 15, 2011) The RCC Chamber Singers perform at the President’s Holiday Reception. (Bottom photo – December 6, 2012) The RCC Jazz Ensemble performs at the President’s Holiday Reception.

It is 3 years and 13 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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