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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Arthur N. Wheelock had an enormous influence on the development of Riverside's public school system from 1892 to 1941. He was Superintendent of Schools from 1898 to 1928. From 1928 until his passing in 1941, he was a member of the Riverside County Board of Education. At Riverside Junior College, Wheelock Field was dedicated in his honor at the 1937 commencement ceremony. The photo and article below appeared in the June 2, 1937 “Arroyo” student newspaper.

The gymnasium (built in 1928) acquired Wheelock’s name much later. The top photo below is of Wheelock Field along with the Gymnasium (circa 1930s). Old Poly High can be seen above the stadium and gym. The bottom photo below is a 1981 view of the Wheelock Memorial (built in 1939) on Magnolia Avenue. Above the memorial are the RCC promontory buildings that replaced the high school in the late 1960s.
The photograph below is a contemporary view of the Wheelock Memorial.
COUNTDOWN UPDATE: The missing “gnomon” (hour indicator) on the RCC Quadrangle Sundial has been found and reinstalled thanks to the efforts of Michael King (RCC Facilities, Maintenance Helper). Below is a photo of how it looked this past Friday.

It is 3 years and 46 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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