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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

It’s fairly easy to find images of the 1918-1966 Riverside Junior College-Riverside College-Riverside City College faculty by researching the “Tequesquite” yearbooks. But since the cessation of the yearbook in the mid-sixties, it has become increasingly difficult to photographically document RCC faculty members. Twenty-five years ago, the “1987-88 Riverside Community College Student Handbook” was published, complete with photos of the then current staff. It was designed by present day faculty member Nancy Gall (Associate Professor, Photography 2004-date) who also took most of the photos. Gall was then employed as a Public Information Specialist by the District. 101 full-time faculty were pictured and 62 others were listed without a photograph. The college was at a crossroads at this time, about to move away from the single to the multi-campus concept. This would occur less than four years in the future with the opening of the Norco and Moreno Valley Campuses in 1991. Below you can see pictured seven of the 1986-7 faculty who are still full-timers with the Riverside Community College District. They are Tom Allen (since 1986), Michael Barnes (since 1981), Marie Colucci (since 1983), Les Dean (since 1979), Jose Duran (since 1986), John Hopkins (since 1981) and Rogelio Ruiz (since 1986).

Those still with the RCCD today, listed but not pictured were: David Baker (since 1987), Catherine Brotherton (since 1986), Tim Brown (since 1984), Gary Locke (since 1985), Clarence Romero (since 1987) and Donna Schutte (since 1987). Special mention should be made of Dwight Lomayesva (pictured below in 1974) who has been at RCC since 1974 and begins his 39th fall semester at the college. Lomayesva is currently the longest tenured faculty member in the Riverside Community College District. And so begins RCC’s 97th fall semester.
It is 3 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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