Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Riverside City College’s School of Nursing began in 1952 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Previously, the college (then known as “Riverside Junior College”) was affiliated with Riverside City Hospital’s nursing school from 1924 until 1933. RJC students would attend classes there through the “Cooperative Program”. This curriculum, popularly called “COOP”, was an innovative vocational education program developed by a member of the RJC faculty, H.H. Bliss (Physical Sciences 1920-1950). Another RJC faculty member, Archie Twogood (Physical Sciences 1922-1956) also made significant contributions to the “Cooperative Program”. RJC was the first institution west of the Rockies to establish an educational program of this type. Today, Riverside City Hospital is called Riverside Community Hospital.

The photo below is from the 1926 Riverside Junior College “Tequesquite” yearbook.

When the RCC Nursing Program celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2002, alumni from the program who were then full-time faculty posed for a photograph. Below are pictured: Back Row: Lisa Howard, Jill Christianson, Wilma LaCava, Susan Robson. Front Row: Tammy Vant Hul, Patricia Tutor, Mary Lang, Kathy Havener.
Ten years later, as the new Riverside City College “School of Nursing” building has its grand opening this week, the current full-time RCC Nursing faculty who are also alumni of the RCC Nursing program can be seen in the photograph below. From left to right are pictured: Sharon Alexander, Jill Christiansen, Lisa Howard, Denise Indermuehle, Kimberly Reimer, Patricia Tutor, Tammy Vant Hul and Amy Vermillion. Not pictured is Kathy Slicer who is also an alumni and current faculty member of the RCC Nursing program.
Special thanks to Anthony Rizo for the 2012 composite photograph.

It is 4 years and 5 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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