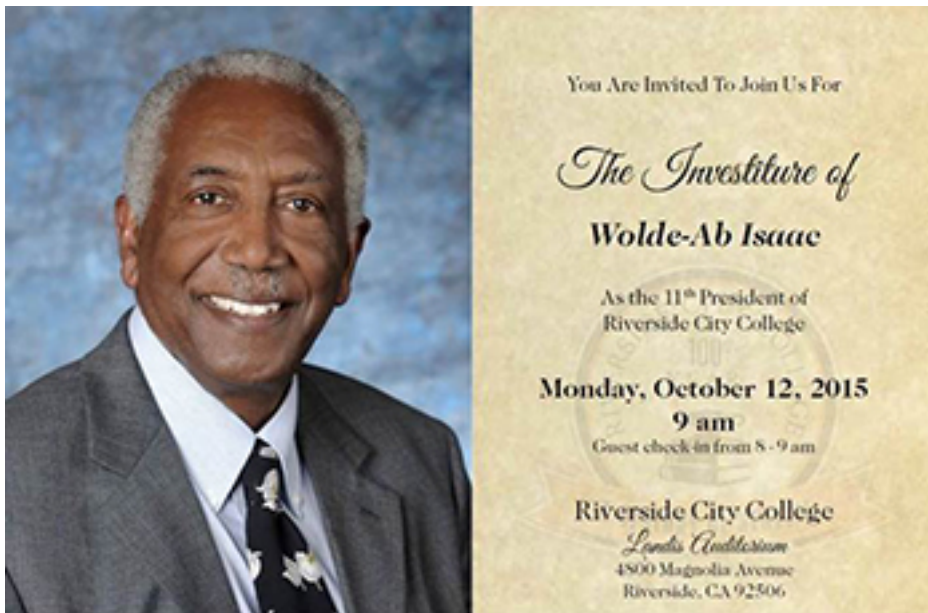




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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

The Investiture of Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac as the 11th President of Riverside City College took place on October 12, 2015. The ceremony was held in the Landis Performing Arts Center. The Riverside Community College District first hired Dr. Isaac in 2006 as Dean of Health Science Programs at Moreno Valley College. Six years later, in January of 2012, he was named the Vice President of Academic Affairs at RCC. He has been serving as interim President of RCC since August 2013.



Below are photos of the ten RCC Presidents that preceded Dr. Isaac.

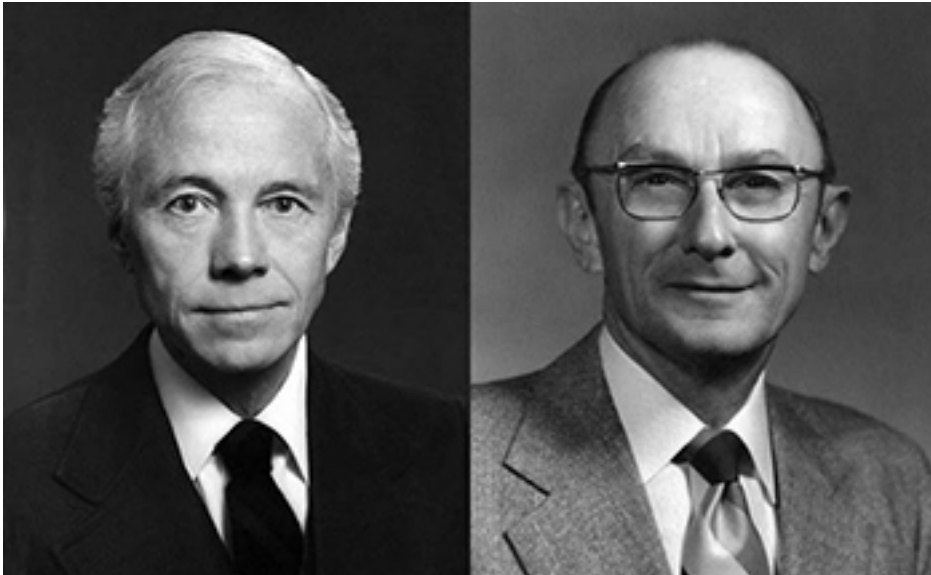
The first President of RCC was Arthur G. Paul. He came to (then called) Riverside Junior College from Occidental College where he was an administrator and instructor. From 1917 to 1920 he was a member of the R.J.C. faculty. He was the Chief Administrative Officer of the college for 30 years from 1920 to 1950. He was not technically "President" for most of those years. His first title was "Principal" which was changed to "Director" in 1922. Paul was not named "President" until June 3, 1946 when the Riverside City School Board did a general reorganization of the city's school system. The result was that the college's administrative staff was enlarged and more formally defined.



Paul was followed by Orland W. (Bill) Noble (below left) as the second President of the college. Noble was first hired by the college as Director of Adult Education. He then became the Registrar and Assistant to the President. President Noble was also an alumnus of the college, graduating in 1924. While attending the college, Noble was a member of the Tiger Basketball team. O.W. Noble was President from 1950 until 1963 when he retired due to ill health. The Board then named Ralph Bradshaw (below right) as the third President of the college. Bradshaw first joined the college in 1946 as a member of the English faculty. In 1950 he was named Dean of Men. Beginning with Ralph Bradshaw until the mid-2000s, all Presidents of RCC also held the title "Superintendent". Bradshaw was President from 1963 until 1972.



The fourth and fifth Presidents of RCC were Dr. Kenneth Harper (below left) and Foster Davidoff (below right). Harper had been the president of Pima College, a Junior College in Tucson, Arizona. Davidoff came to RCC from Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa where he was the first President of that institution. Harper was President from 1972 to 1974 and Davidoff from 1974 to 1978.



The sixth President of RCC was Dr. Charles Kane (below left). Dr. Kane came from Long Beach City College where he was Executive Vice President. He was a Riverside native and alumnus of RCC. He attended the college in the early 1950s and (like Noble) was a member of the Tiger Basketball team. Dr. Kane was President of RCC from 1978 to 1992. The seventh President of RCC was Dr. Salvatore G. Rotella (below right). Dr. Rotella came to RCC from Nassau Community College in New York where he was the Vice President for Academic Affairs. He was President of RCC from 1992 until 2004 when he was named the first Chancellor of the Riverside Community College District.



Following Dr. Rotella were the eighth, ninth, and tenth Presidents of RCC - Dr. Daniel Castro, Dr. Jan Muto and Dr. Cynthia Azari (below left to right). Dr. Castro came to RCC from Los Angeles Trade Technical College where he was Interim President. Dr. Muto was previously with the Kentucky Community & Technical College System serving as Assistant to the Chancellor for Teaching and Learning. Dr. Azari was formerly the President of Fresno City College.



There are 21 weeks until RCC's 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

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