

# Music: An Overflowing River of Endless History

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Individuals of all ages are drawn to dance for its verve and exhilaration, as well as for its sense of unification – the physical intimacy and pure joy brought by every sway and rhythm. The community’s increased love and passion for dancing overcomes all barriers and engages their minds as a result.

One of those individuals is Valerie, 13, and an LCCian 7<sup>th</sup> grader who attended and experienced the 83rd foundation celebration of La Consolacion College Caloocan with the theme “LCCC@83: Moving Forward in Synodality with Gratefulness to God’s Greatness.” On this fine morning, one can feel the difference of this day to any other day of the school year – the stage had been decorated, all the chairs were set, there were gatherings of thrilled and cheerful crowds. At last, LCC was back to celebrating and rejoicing its foundation anniversary!

February 9th, 2023 was a splendid and remarkable event for selected students from junior high school and senior high school participated in this year’s Evolution of Dances held that morning at the quadrangle.

For a young JHS student like Valerie, “I felt happy and overwhelmed to see my students perform once again in person amidst the global pandemic. It was heart-warming as I gazed and felt the energy of LCCians unified by their love for dancing.”

Starting the program, hosts, Mr. Jeffrey Olaguera and Ms. Lianna Deniega introduced to Valerie and the audience all participating pupils with their coaches and teachers who were responsible for the amazing choreographies. After the magnificent entrances of the participating dancers, Krizah Alvarado, the Student Council President, started the ceremony with an invocation. Likewise, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Grace Pedregosa, welcomed the students and visitors.

“I was very nervous, yet at the same time, felt glad and ecstatic to dance again. We gave our best effort in all the practice and personally, I found the rehearsals amusing,” remarked by one of the participants, emotional to finally be able to show her talent to her fellow schoolmates.

Following this, Valerie watched as the freshmen opened the floor for all following performances, signaling the beginning of the celebration. Assisted by their mentors, Mr. Jenifer Yago and Mr. Renz Faminial, they bestowed an entertaining and trendy show that made Valerie and the spectators cheer as loud as they can! Their lineup consisted of songs such as: “Hype Boy” by New Jeans and ‘Pink Venom’ by Blackpink. They, indeed, gave the audience a great impression of what a true LCCian is – vibrant and vigorous.

“With all of our fire jet set ready for the day of execution, we believed and trusted ourselves to give the people a perfect presentation!”

With unbroken atmospheres, grooving with the music were the sophomores dancing in the tunes of K-pop transferring to songs inspired by the 2010s. Their precise adaptation of the era made Valerie applaud as most of them radiated with lustrous eyes and accuracy. Tap your shoe, Timber, Uptown Funk, Roxanne, Tala, Dynamite, and Don't Start Now were the songs they chose to shine into with a whopping 8-minute production for all 31 entertainers.

"We were given a generous amount of time of preparation from last week to yesterday for today's celebration and it resulted in a delightful display."

Valerie was so enthusiastic since up next rocking the LCC-C Quadrangle with a 5-minute performance influenced by the 2000s were the Juniors. Suddenly, the dance floor was filled with exaltation and earsplitting cheers, a fascinating show was delivered that even students from the other levels were astonished while watching! Good boy, Uptown funk, Single ladies, Gangnam style, Teach me how to Dougie, and Watch me whip were the songs they chose to sway their hips and flung their arms onto.

"It was tiring but the crowd full of spirit encouraged us to flaunt our talents and inspire many that flowing like water through the rhythm is all you need to have a joyous time."

Rolling with the 1990s are the 24 senior students that enchanted everyone's hearts. They danced their hearts out for 8 minutes as they were chained to the rhythm. They were Valerie's and the crowd's favorite, complimenting their smooth movements. According to one of the dancers, she said that they were inspired because of the cheers of the crowds.

"It was challenging because we also had academics on the line for this but in the end, it all worked out well and we were happy."

Entering the stage were the senior high students popping off with the grade 11 students. Their dances were based on the '80s melody as they discoed for 6 straight minutes. Their movements were so funky and fascinating. A performer spoke to Valerie after the disco and said "We had enough time to practice our performance and it felt surreal because we were just in lockdown and now we get to be out here making others happy despite the pressure of academics."

To top it all, the Grade 12 students going all the way back to the 1970s with graceful kings and queens of the saloon. It was quite the discovery that all grade-level students such as Valerie were keen to take part in the celebration of La Consolacion College Caloocan's 83rd founding anniversary, with different genres and catchy songs from the modern-day Korean pop music to the rhythm of good old 2000s, music truly encompasses everyone together.

As the event came to its conclusion, Valerie realized that LCCians may not have common traits together but they shared a common love for music and dancing. Whether that song was brand new or an old favorite. All we could tell was that it was a successful and a memorable day for everyone in La Consolacion College – Caloocan.

The performers caught the attention of the LCCians with their compelling performances. Everyone enjoyed this one in a lifetime, fanciful event. Meanwhile for Valerie, who represented LCCians, this occasion will certainly have a special place in her heart and will unquestionably last in her memory for a lifetime.

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