



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LOYOLA HISTORY ASSOCIATION (2024-25)

Farewell Day Report

Organized by the 1st and 2nd Year Students of the Department of History, Loyola College

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Venue: MS08, Loyola College

Event Coordinators: 1st and 2nd Year Students, Department of History



The Department of History, Loyola College, witnessed a momentous and emotionally rich event as the 1st and 2nd-year students came together to organize a farewell celebration in honor of the outgoing 3rd-year batch: 22 UHT. Held in the familiar walls of MS08, the venue that has echoed

with countless discussions, debates, and laughter over the past three years, the farewell event was an earnest attempt to express gratitude, love, and best wishes to the seniors as they step into new chapters of their lives. The farewell ceremony was filled with affection, gratitude, humor, and reflection. It was not merely a function; it was an acknowledgment of the contributions, memories, and legacy that the 2022 Batch leaves behind for their juniors.

The event commenced with great excitement and anticipation. The MS08 hall was tastefully decorated by the 1st and 2nd-year students, capturing the mood of celebration and warmth. Ravin, a 2nd-year student, took charge of the event as the Master of Ceremonies. His spirited anchoring infused life into the occasion, ensuring the flow of the event remained engaging and vibrant throughout. Sherwin, another dedicated 2nd-year student, efficiently managed the photography, capturing every moment—from the candid smiles to the emotional farewells. His efforts ensured that the memories of the day would be preserved through photographs that the students and faculty could cherish for years to come.

The formal segment of the event was inaugurated by Timothy Ajay, the Associate Cultural Secretary. In his heartfelt welcome address, Timothy expressed sincere appreciation and affection for the outgoing batch. He noted how the 3rd-year students had been an inspiration and guiding light to their juniors. His words reflected the deep bond that had been nurtured over the years, emphasizing the spirit of unity and mutual respect within the department. He lauded their contributions—not just in academics, but also in cultural, extracurricular, and leadership pursuits. Timothy's words set a tone of warmth, celebration, and emotion that continued throughout the event.



The presence of the esteemed faculty members added gravity and warmth to the event. Each professor took the opportunity to extend their blessings, guidance, and appreciation to the departing students. Dr. A. Arputha Selvi, Head of the Department, was the first to address the gathering. She acknowledged the dedication and achievements of the 2022 Batch, emphasizing how they had upheld the values and traditions of the Department of History. Dr. Selvi also encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in all their future endeavors, assuring them that the faculty would always be proud of their progress. Following her, Dr. D. Anuradha, Dr. I. Princes, and Dr. P.J. Biju Joseph shared their individual reflections and fond memories of the students. Each address was laced with warmth and humor, recounting classroom moments and experiences that had forged a unique bond between students and teachers. Mr. Ahilan added a special note on how the batch had evolved over time, highlighting the perseverance and



personality growth of the students during their three-year journey. Finally, Dr. R. Xavier, President of the Loyola History Association, delivered an inspiring message. He acknowledged the leadership roles many of the 3rd-year students had taken up in departmental and college-wide activities. His speech focused on resilience, the importance of history in shaping one's future, and encouraged students to remain grounded while being ambitious. Each faculty address was met with rounds of heartfelt applause, showing the love and respect the students held for their mentors.



The next part of the program was a soul-stirring solo musical performance by Harish S, a 2nd-year student. His voice and choice of song captured the emotional essence of the occasion and touched the hearts of everyone present. The performance was a tribute to the moments shared, the bonds formed, and the respect held for the outgoing seniors. Madhavan, an outgoing student, also entertained us with his singing. The melody, infused with sentiment and sincerity, resonated deeply with the audience and became one of the most memorable highlights of the day.

One of the highlights of the event was the address by the senior students themselves. This segment provided a platform for them to share their journeys, experiences, and messages with their juniors and faculty. Each speaker brought their unique voice and story to the occasion.

- Mr. Prakash, General Secretary, took the stage first. He recalled the memories of his entry into the department, the friendships formed, and the many lessons learned beyond the classroom.
- Mr. Ramakrishnan, Associate Secretary, highlighted the role of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance during his time in office. He expressed sincere gratitude to the faculty for their constant encouragement.
- Mr. Anish, Performing Arts Secretary, spoke passionately about how the Department had nurtured his talents and given him opportunities to perform, grow, and express himself.
- Mr. Gugan and Mr. Kumaraguru both shared heartfelt reflections on their personal growth during their three years and the unbreakable friendships they had formed.
- Mr. Sampath Kumar, Sports Secretary, brought a refreshing tone to the gathering with his anecdotes from the sports field and emphasized the importance of physical activity in student life.
- Mr. Jayaganth, Cultural Secretary, concluded the seniors' segment with a moving narrative of cultural accomplishments and events that had brought the department together over the years.

Their speeches were filled with laughter, nostalgia, and a tinge of sorrow as they expressed their gratitude for all that the Department had provided them.

Following the senior addresses, the juniors presented a special token of love to each member of the 2022 Batch—a personalized card prepared with immense effort and affection by the 1st and 2nd-year students. The cards were distributed by the faculty members in the same order as they had spoken earlier. Each senior received their card with a smile and a sense of appreciation, touched by the sincerity and care that had gone into crafting these mementos. The exchange of cards was a quiet yet powerful moment that underscored the sense of belonging and affection that permeates the Department of History.

To bring a celebratory close to the event, a beautifully decorated farewell cake was brought in. The cake-cutting ceremony was symbolic of the joy and unity shared among the students and staff. Amid applause, cheers, and laughter, the 3rd-year students cut the cake, officially marking their farewell. A lively and cheerful photo session followed. Groups formed naturally—seniors with their closest friends, juniors with their mentors, and batches with their professors. Sherwin captured each smile, each hug, and every joyful tear, ensuring that these memories would live on beyond just this one day.

The event concluded with a final vote of thanks by Timothy Ajay, who returned to the podium with grace and composure. His closing words were a heartfelt gesture of gratitude to all who contributed to making the event a success—the organizing juniors, the enthusiastic seniors, the supportive faculty, and all present. Timothy thanked the professors for their support, guidance, and encouragement, and he appreciated the 2nd-year team for organizing the event. His words left the audience with a sense of fulfillment, wrapping the event in a warm, emotional embrace.



The farewell for the 2022 Batch of the Department of History, Loyola College, was not just an event—it was a celebration of memories, gratitude, and hope. The juniors' efforts in organizing a meaningful and well-orchestrated program stood as a testament to the deep bonds formed within the department.



As the 3rd-year students step into the wider world, they carry with them not only academic knowledge but the love and support of a community that shaped their journey. They leave behind a legacy that will inspire the batches that follow—a legacy of passion, leadership, and camaraderie. The event came to an end, but the memories created will continue to echo in MS08 and beyond.