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McNary head coach, Kirch had never started a freshman on the varsity team until this season. Freshman point guard Jando Gonzalez started the majority of the year for the Celtics and was given an honorable mention nod.

Gonzalez averaged 7 ppg and shot 35 percent from the three-point land while running the show for one of the best offenses in the conference.

"I asked quite a bit of him, trying to run and control an offense and typically guard the other team's best guard. I thought he had an incredible year. He is tough, competes hard and never has any excuses. He played through a difficult injury for much of the

league season without ever complaining. He shot the ball well from three and was able to get into the paint on multiple occasions. With continued strength and experience, he will only get better," Kirch said.

Senior Riley Flores was the only McNary upperclassmen to receive all-league recognition as an honorable mention. Flores was a reliable three-point specialist for the Celtics, shooting 40 percent from beyond the arc. But what perhaps was more impactful was Flores's leadership on a team with seven sophomores and a freshman.

"Riley really matured as a senior and that maturity really showed within our program.

He was incredibly positive and accepting of many underclassmen that were on the roster this year. He had a strong influence on how many of them grew throughout the season, helping to lead to much of our success," Kirch said.

Sophomore Zane Aicher was also a honorable mention selection.

As a 5-foot-10 post, Aicher had to deal with a size disadvantage in every game. But he was still able to solidify himself as McNary's most reliable interior defender and one of the team's top rebounders.

"For a guy who has only been playing basketball for three years, its an incredible accomplishment to be mentioned by other coaches. Competitiveness and toughness are our first two program values, and nobody represents that more than Zane. He was mentioned as the player that his teammates would most like to play with. He leads by example every day, and were excited to work with him in the offseason to help with his skill development," Kirch said.

Kirch was also named the MVC Coach of the Year.

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