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**Filipino-American Alex Casingal drives in for a lay-up. (Photo by Michael Switzer)**

Point guard Casingal leads team to state basketball championship

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CHARLESTON, WV — Alex Casingal, senior co-captain and starting point guard for the Irish of Charleston Catholic High School, celebrated the team's victory during the 2012 WV Boys Basketball "A" State Championship at the Charleston Civic Center Arena.

The win for the Irish fell on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2012.

The number two seeded team defeated St. Mary's High School, 40-34, in the state finals to win the championship.

It was the 17th straight win for the Irish and the fourth state title in school history.

Casingal, who carries a 4.2 grade point average, credited his teammates, coaches and family for the victory.

"It was the culmination of all the hard work, sweat, tears and blood. I'd like to thank anyone who ever had anything to do with my basketball career," Casingal said.

This year the Charleston Catholic boys' basketball team ended their season with a 24-3 record.

Casingal added this state boys' basketball title to his other state title in track and field.

He and his team finished first in the 4 x 200 meter relay in 2011.

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Casingal is the son of Paul and Sara Casingal, formerly of Dagupan City, Pangasinan.

He likes to read, work out, travel and play sports.

He has received the Presidential Scholarship at four major universities: University of Alabama, West Virginia University, Marshall University and Berea University.

The Fil-Am is undecided on which college to attend at the moment because he is waiting on hearing from Yale University and Duke University.

He will pursue sports medicine as a major and, eventually, become a medical doctor.

It is possible to both pursue an academic and athletic focus in your studies.

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Players of the St. Michael's High School boys' basketball team celebrate their victory in the St. Michael's High School boys' basketball tournament.