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reading. "WILL is a great collective of women of color writers who encourage the writing process," says Juleyka.

Always striving for perfection, Juleyka emulates the writing of two distinguished Hispanic writers, Gabriel Garcia Márquez and Soledad Puertolas. She claims both authors strongly influence her style since "their writing is very precise." "They really know how to capture specific moments through their writing," she says.

Even while teaching her journalism class at the Frederick Douglas Creative Arts Center Juleyka is aiming to fine-tune her craft. "Teaching is a good way

to test how much I know and what I still need to learn," she says, "It's a good way to stay on your toes."

This inspiring young writer is very modest indeed considering her many accomplishments. Despite this, Juleyka tries not to think about where she'll be in five or ten years. "I don't want to put that kind of pressure in myself," she replies, "I just hope to have improved on my journalistic writing and also developed my fiction."

Juleyka is a very talented writer and there is no doubt that she will continue to pursue (and share) her love for words. No pressure Juleyka, but we hope to read from you soon.