

MCC student poet reads for Connecticut Poetry Circuit

Manchester Community College student poet Marielena Cartegena of East Hartford was recently chosen to read from her work, one of five outstanding student poets selected by the Connecticut Poetry Circuit. Cartegena took part in an online reading with her fellow circuit poets on March 25. Cartegena is studying visual fine arts with plans to transfer to Southern Connecticut State University to study studio art and creative writing. Her goals include gallery curation or museum management. She also plans to pursue a master's degree in creative writing.



Delighted by the monstrous feminine rage in Gothic literature, Cartegena seeks to explore the depiction of female psychosis in modern and contemporary horror. Her poetry will be published in MCC's literary and arts journal "Shapes." She is working on her first chapbook on grief and its potential for personal transcendence.

