

Enjoy Afro-Caribbean music, dance at ECSU

WILLIMANTIC — Members of the Willimantic community are invited to Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday, March 27, for a celebration of Afro-Caribbean music and dance led by local middle-schoolers who participate in the “Puentes al Futuro/Bridges to the Future” program.

The event will begin with light refreshments at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, with the main event beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the concert hall.

Puentes al Futuro is an after-

school program for Windham Middle School students coordinated by Eastern’s Center for Community Engagement. The showcase will include the sounds of Afro-Caribbean jazz by well-known local teacher and musician Arnaldo Rivera and his band, Bentetu. Rivera, who teaches percussion in the Puentes al Futuro program, will also perform with his young students who have learned Caribbean percussion rhythms.

The program will also include dancers from Puentes al Futuro.