

CONTACT: Alexandra DeLaney
University of Pennsylvania
(760) 672-4723

Stephen Goldstein
University of Pennsylvania
(914) 563-1705

**PENN GRAD STUDENTS PARTNER WITH PENNSYLVANIA MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO
BRING SCIENCE TO SOUTH PHILLY**

*Graduate students from Penn Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (PGWISE) use
science demos to engage children in STEM programs*

July 28, 2016 – Philadelphia, PA – The Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program and Penn Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (PGWISE) are partnering to host the second annual PGWISE Science Carnival. On Thursday morning nearly 200 children will make their way through Southwark Elementary School to learn the basics of chemistry, biology and physics through fun, interactive science demonstrations.

Because children of migrant agricultural workers move so frequently to accommodate their parents' search for employment, they frequently experience discontinuity in their education. The Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program strives to ensure that migrant students receive educational services while providing a community that allows students to thrive. The Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program annually provides supplemental educational services to over 1,200 children in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, and in the city of Philadelphia.

Penn Graduate Women in Science and Engineering is a mentoring and professional development organization at Penn focused on engaging women of all ages in STEM fields. “PGWISE focuses on science outreach as a way to teach science while introducing students to professionals with careers in science,” says PGWISE Co-Chair Sydney Campbell. “We’re excited for the chance to work with the Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program to show these kids that science is accessible and can actually — be really fun.”

On the day of the carnival, children of all ages — pre-school to high school — will be rotating through a variety of science activity stations. They will learn the basics of chemistry while making their own take-home slime, learn food science by making ice cream with liquid nitrogen, and explore Newtonian physics with the egg drop. At the end of the day, students will be able to take home their science projects and continue to experience the excitement of scientific discovery.

“We hope to continue this partnership to share the enthusiasm that we all have for science with the community.”