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FACT SHEET

The *Culinary Curiosity* Exhibition: The Mel and Janet Mickevic Collection

- Chicagoans Melvin and Janet Alikonis Mickevic donated more than 300 food-related artifacts to the Kendall College Charitable Trust with the aim of inspiring students to innovate new products and services in the food industry.
- This is a unique collection of objects dating from the 19th and early-20th centuries from the United States and Europe, although some originate from earlier years and other cultures. All devices are manually operated and represent technical ingenuity.
- The *Culinary Curiosity* Exhibition is a series of 12 themed displays appearing throughout the Kendall College campus. Approximately 250 items are displayed. The exhibition encourages students to explore connections between disciplines of study and to consider the tools' evolution in response to available technology, market demands and user needs.
- A companion Web site to The *Culinary Curiosity* Exhibition, www.culinarycuriosity.org, features approximately 130 of these artifacts. The site includes virtual display cases with galleries of zoomable object photos, as well as 58 video clips.
- Janet Alikonis Mickevic continues her support of the Kendall College Charitable Trust and the project.
- For more information or for a tour, contact Patsy Caruso, Executive Director of the Kendall College Charitable Trust, at pcarus@kendall.edu or 312-752-2352.

About Kendall College Charitable Trust

The Kendall College Charitable Trust is dedicated to providing financial support for students of need at Kendall College. Scholarships are provided to students who have completed their first year of study. The Kendall College Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All donations to the Trust are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.kendallfoundation.org or contact Executive Director Patsy Caruso at pcarus@kendall.edu or 312-752-2352.