

KENDALL COLLEGE TRUST

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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 Trust and the project.
- For more information or for a tour, contact Catherine De Orio, Executive Director of the Kendall College Trust, at info@kendallcollegetrust.org or 312-752-2352.

About Kendall College Trust

Kendall College Trust (KCT), a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit, provides resources and opportunities that support educational advancement and career development for students with financial need. Since its 2008 inception, Kendall College Trust has awarded over \$2 million dollars in scholarship funds to help students complete their education. In summer 2016, KCT launched a program in partnership with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and C-CAP (Careers Through Culinary Arts Program) sending students in underserved communities to summer culinary camp, sparking interest and providing skills in the culinary arts. KCT provides nearly a quarter of a million dollars annually in scholarship funding to help students build a solid foundation for their future.

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