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**Kendall College Marks Eight Decades of Quality Education in Greater Chicago and Beyond**

*Kendall celebrates 80th anniversary with new membership program*

**CHICAGO—October 17, 2014—**[Kendall College](#) celebrated 80 years of providing quality postsecondary education to Chicago, the Midwest, the nation and abroad with a gala reception at its downtown campus Oct. 16. Started as a junior college in 1934, Kendall has grown to become the leading school in Chicago for preparing students for careers in culinary arts and hospitality management as recognized by leaders in the Chicago restaurant and hotel industry. The reception brought together students, alumni, industry members, faculty, staff and representatives of the Chicago and Illinois community.

Kendall relocated from the original campus in Evanston to Chicago's Goose Island neighborhood in 2005. Today, it houses fully modern classrooms and kitchen labs, a 150-seat auditorium, student facilities and a Michelin Guide-recommended Dining Room, which is open to the public for lunch and dinner. Kendall College offers bachelor's degrees in all four schools—Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management, Business and Education.

"I'm so very proud to be a part of this Kendall family and to be able to celebrate 80 years of history at this great institution," said Emily Williams Knight, president of Kendall College. "Our students have consistently become leaders in their industries and it is their accomplishments that help foster growth in our student community, both domestic and internationally. We're thrilled that after 80 years of helping students pursue their passions, we've now opened our doors to the public with our new TASTE of Kendall membership program. This exciting program will offer exclusive benefits to anyone who wants to experience why we're one of the nation's top culinary institutions."

The brand new TASTE of Kendall membership, geared toward local food and beverage enthusiasts, provides a range of benefits, including discounts on the fine dining restaurant, a spectrum of culinary and beverage classes, culinary camps for teens, an exclusive newsletter, and recipes. The program's introductory subscription rate is \$80.

The Founding Members of the TASTE membership include many influential industry professionals, such as Choose Chicago President and CEO Don Welsh, Illinois Restaurant Association President Sam Toia, Biz Bash CEO and Founder David Adler, Charlie Trotter's Culinary Education Foundation Executive Director Rachel Trotter, Mindy's HotChocolate and distinguished Kendall culinary alumna Mindy Segal and "Check, Please!" host and Kendall College Trust Executive Director Catherine DeOrio, many of whom were at attendance for the 80th celebration.

"When you talk about organizations in Chicago that continue to set the trends for supporting the development of our food and beverage industries, Kendall College stands out in that discussion," said Don Welsh, President and CEO of Choose Chicago. "The food and hospitality scene in Chicago is one of the world's finest and Kendall,



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with its leading academic programs, fine dining restaurant and now TASTE membership, continues to be a leader in the industry.”

More information about the new TASTE membership program can be found at [kendall.edu/taste](http://kendall.edu/taste).

**About the Kendall College School of Culinary Arts:**

Kendall College, founded in 1934, is located in Chicago and is a member of the Laureate International Universities network. Kendall offers undergraduate degrees in business, culinary arts, early childhood education and hospitality management to a diverse and passionate community of more than 1,650 students. The curriculum combines strong academics with practical experience and international educational opportunities that help give students in business, hospitality and culinary arts programs the skills and expertise to be leaders in their professions. Kendall College was ranked the number one program in Chicago for preparing students for careers in hospitality management and culinary arts in a survey of management at Chicago's leading hotels and Michelin Guide restaurants (TNS Global – 2013 Survey). The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission has accredited the Culinary Arts associate program since 1988 and the Baking and Pastry associate program since 2008. Kendall College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, [ncahlc.org](http://ncahlc.org); 312.263.0456. For more information, visit [Kendall.edu](http://Kendall.edu).

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