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### **Saint Xavier University Host Grand re-opening for Student Veteran Resource Center**

*-Senator Mike Hastings stopped by to join in the Celebration-*

**Chicago (March 23, 2016)** – Saint Xavier University (SXU) President Christine Wiseman, Senator Mike Hastings, and Student Veteran Alliance Illinois Chapter Vice President of Outreach Weston Polaski celebrated the grand re-opening of SXU's Student Veteran Resource Center (SVRC) on Tuesday, March 22. SXU's Student Veteran Alliance was awarded \$10,000 from the Home Depot Foundation's VetCenter grant and Student Veterans of America (SVA) in August 2015 to fund renovations for SXU's Student Veteran Resource Center (SVRC). The funds helped modernize the space, while also making it more efficient for student veteran use. SXU's student veterans were very excited to show off their newly renovated space in the Warde Academic Center Room L209.

Those in attendance (pictured from left to right) at the event: Dan Kunst, student veteran; Dan McLaughlin, student veteran; Javier Calderon, student veteran; SXU President Christine Wiseman; John Fakhoury, representative of Student Veterans of America national chapter; Senator Mike Hastings; Stephanie Stavrenos, student veteran; Sheri Gross, compliance advisor for veterans and athletes at SXU; Jennifer Kohany, student veteran; Brett Mango, student veteran; and Taz, service dog to Brett Mango.

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