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international Renewal institute Announces Renewed Partnership with Saint Xavier University - School of Education

Chicago, Illinois May 13, 2009 - the international Renewal institute, Inc. (iRi) and Saint Xavier University (Chicago) are pleased to announce their renewed partnership for providing world-class teacher training programs and materials. Under the leadership of James Bellanca, CEO of iRi, bestselling and cutting edge author especially known for his in-depth knowledge and expertise for building quality educational programs, iRi will assist SXU in the redevelopment the highest quality field-based degree programs for educators available in Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

The international Renewal institute, Inc. (iRi) will assume responsibility for all educator recruitments and marketing efforts related to the Master in Arts in Teaching and Leadership (MATL) and other field-based programs for Saint Xavier Universities School of Education. These will include the type 75 and ELL endorsements as well as degree programs in reading, special needs and other areas. The iRi team will serve as the primary liaison to area schools and districts in Illinois and Southern Wisconsin by facilitating in the search, recruitment, and selection of adjuncts. In addition, iRi will provide their valuable leadership in the orientation and continued professional growth of program faculty.

In the early 1990s, IRI/Skylight Training and Publishing (Skylight Publishing later sold to Pearson Education) partnered with Saint Xavier University to conceptualize, launch, and successfully implement the Masters of Arts in Teaching and Leadership (MATL) field-based program. In this new endeavor, iRi will work collaboratively with SXU in order to help re-establish strong partnerships with area schools and provide inspired vision for creative, innovative consistency in program implementation. Today, iRi (international Renewal institute) is the leading provider of Feuerstein-based Critical Thinking, Reading, and Mathematics Professional Learning and Student Programs for 21st century classroom and clinical use.

As the first step in this revitalized undertaking, iRi and Saint Xavier will gather the experienced MATL faculty on Saturday, May 23, 2009 to share the new vision of the renewed partnership and plan for the upcoming academic year with faculty (2009/10). For 25 years, iRi has been at the forefront of understanding what is demanded of our educators and what is expected from schools in order to deliver 21st century critical thinking skills and boundless school achievement. iRi has translated practical, proven methods and materials for the classroom use and enabling educators to realize all students' unparalleled learning potential.

SXU's School of Education was among the first to receive program approval for the Teacher Leader Endorsement through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). All SXU programs are accredited by both the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges

and Schools (NCACS). The School of Education goal is to assist graduates with purposeful structured experiences in order to deepen their professional knowledge and skills in pedagogy and action research while enhancing practical viability as a curricular leader within educational settings.

By preparing educators as scholars, lifelong learners, leaders and reflective professionals, Saint Xavier University School of Education Field Based Masters Programs and iRi will begin in the development of this renewed educational imperative for developing educators for the demands of the 21st Century. iRi and Saint Xavier's University vision arming educators with the methods and tools for improving leadership, collaboration and communication proficiency, along with literacy and mathematics achievement for the 21st Century Framework.

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