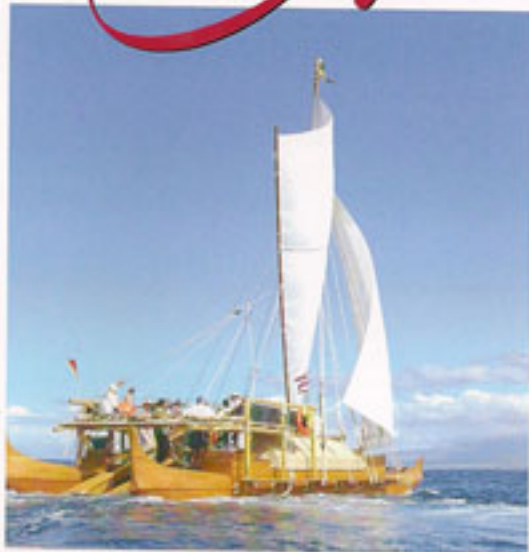


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▲ The *Iosepa* rides the waves off the coast of the big island of Hawai'i, after making her maiden voyage in 2001. The sailing canoe links past with present, and opens new paths to a future of cooperative learning for PCC and BYU-Hawai'i.

## Iosepa's Fifth Anniversary: Navigating New Waters

In an unforgettable ceremony, 3 November 2001 the *Iosepa* was dedicated and launched at Hukilau Beach in La'ie, Hawai'i. Over 3,000 local community members and special guests joined in the unique celebration.

Exactly five years later, 3 November 2006, at the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC), representatives of BYU-Hawai'i, the PCC, and the Hawaiian Studies program gathered to celebrate the fifth anniversary of this launching—as well as the ongoing development of the cooperative venture connecting the Hawaiian Studies sailing program with PCC's Hawaiian Village.

Since its birthing, the 57-foot wa'a kaulua, or traditional twin-hulled Hawaiian sailing canoe, has taken on the role of unifying icon for the BYU-Hawai'i Jonathan Napela Center for Hawaiian Language and Cultural Studies, the PCC, and the greater community.

In order to showcase and house the *Iosepa* appropriately, plans are moving forward to build

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## Work-Study Program Blesses Students

Internships offered at the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC) are at the heart of the symbiotic relationship between PCC and BYU-Hawai'i. Students from countries in BYU-Hawai'i's target region apply for school and PCC employment through the International Work Experience Scholarship (IWES) program.

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## BYU-Hawai'i Receives Top Reviews

A recent review by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the latest university rankings published in U.S. News and World Report magazine, both gave BYU-Hawai'i high marks.

In March 2006, after completing the second phase of its regular re-accreditation process, the WASC review team wrote:

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