Moananuiākea
Our Spirits Reawakened
A Voyage for Oceans, A Voyage for Earth
2023 to 2027
We are honored to welcome our Hawaiian relatives of the Polynesian Voyage Society (PVS), and the Hōkūleʻa, their waʻa (canoe), to the shores of Southeast Alaska to launch the four-year Moananuiākea Voyage around the Pacific from our Alaska waters.

The connection between Alaska and Hawaiʻi goes back thousands of years, rooted in ancient connections each living generation of our peoples has carried forward to the next. The ties that bind us were made ever stronger through the people and events of the 1990s that brought us together as family and so beautifully reignited our peoples’ collective love for voyaging across our oceans and sea highways. In 2023, we continue to nurture our kinship through the launch of Moananuiākea in Alaska, a voyage made possible through these long-lasting relationships that transcend generations.
History

After the Hōkūleʻa, Star of Gladness, was built in the 1970s to revive the legacies of exploration, courage, and ingenuity that brought the first Polynesians to the archipelago of Hawaiʻi, PVS developed a plan in 1990 to build a waʻa using materials of Hawaiʻi that were traditionally used in canoe-making. Though PVS and Kamehameha Schools land managers scouted for trees within their vast koa forests, many parts of the islands had been deforested to the point where threatened ecosystems no longer had healthy koa trees easily accessible and large enough to build a waʻa kaulua (double-hulled canoe) for long-distance voyaging.

Remembering that trees that had drifted across the ocean were another traditional source of canoe-building material for our Ancestors, noted artist-historian and PVS co-founder Herb Kane presented the situation to Lingit Elder Judson Brown (Dakl’aweidi) – who was chairman of the Sealaska Foundation (now known as Sealaska Heritage Institute), and Byron Mallott (Kwaashk’ikwáan) – then CEO of Sealaska Corporation.

Recognizing the vital importance of interdependent Indigenous relationships across the Pacific that connect us, Sealaska gifted two Sitka Spruce logs from Xaadaas territory near Prince of Wales Island for our ‘ohana to build the Hawai‘iloa entirely using traditional materials. Through this gift and connection, an ancient relationship was renewed. In 1995, PVS returned to Alaska with the Hawai‘iloa on a voyage of reconnection and gratitude, recognizing that with the Alaskan logs that built her, beautiful canoe-making knowledge and practices were re-awakened.
About Moananuiākea

Today, PVS is launching their next major voyage and educational campaign called Moananuiākea Voyage: A Voyage for Oceans, A Voyage for Earth from Alaska upon the Hōkūle‘a, the original wa‘a built to reignite their voyaging renaissance. This voyage will circumnavigate the Pacific Ocean over the next four years drawing attention to the vital role our ocean plays in the well-being of the world and connecting the Indigenous peoples of the Pacific to amplify our collective role and power in caring for our world.

Based in Hawai‘i, PVS is focused on the vital importance of oceans, nature, and Indigenous knowledge, while developing young crew members, navigators, and leaders. Their goal is to engage communities around the world to take part in navigating the earth towards a healthy, thriving future. Moananuiākea is a reminder of the ancient bonds we share as relatives and as stewards of our oceans, waters, lands, and ways of life; reigniting the flame of our Ancestral knowledge and how it will carry us forward into the future. The launch of this journey brings us closer together and reminds the world of the critical role of Indigenous peoples carry in the well-being of our planet. As the peoples of the Pacific, we know that our waters are connected and interdependent on each other for the health and well-being of our world, now and for the next 10,000+ years.

PVS has chosen to launch the Moananuiākea Voyage from Alaska to acknowledge the long standing relationship between Alaska Native peoples and Hawaiians. Before the Hōkūle‘a arrived in Juneau, it sailed a pre-launch heritage journey to Yaakwdáat (Yakutat), Xunaa (Hoonah), and Deishú/Tlákw.aan (Haines/Klukwan) to
honor the communities who raised the Native sons that have so impacted and shaped PVS – Byron Mallott, Ernie Hillman (Chookaneidi), and Judson Brown respectively.

Once the Hōkūleʻa concludes its formal global launch from Juneau, it will then stop in seven of our Southeast villages and connect with neighboring communities including Aangóon, Ḵéex' Kwáan, Séet Ká, Shtax'heen, Kichxáan/T’éesh Kwáan Xagu, Maxlakxaala, and Higdáa Gándlaay/Gasa’áan/Sháan Séet/Lawáak*. Due to the safety and scheduling needs of the voyage, the Hōkūleʻa is not able to make a stop at every village, and we extend our sincere gratitude to all Southeast communities for understanding and being willing to help and participate where they can.

Hōkūleʻa and her crew are not only dedicated to the wa’a, they are committed to education and community engagement. This voyage will include a “Third Canoe" called Wa’a Honua, meaning a canoe for the earth. The Wa’a Honua will uplift stories and teachings from the voyage and offer a way for folks to follow along as they circumnavigate the Pacific using traditional navigation. Learn more at www.waahonua.com.

We are excited for the beautiful energy Hōkūleʻa will bring to Alaska, for the message they are sharing with the world, and the interconnectedness they will reawaken throughout the Indigenous communities of the Pacific. We welcome them to Alaska and all who will participate in this incredible and historic voyage!

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- Saxman
- Metlakatla
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- Kasaan
- Craig
- Klawock
Planning Crew and Lead Sponsors

FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE | First Alaskans Institute is a statewide Alaska Native nonprofit focused on advancing Alaska Native ways of life, ensuring our peoples are involved in decision-making at all levels, and cultivating leadership from birth to Ancestor. As a small organization with a dynamic scope of work, our values-driven commitment to uplifting our Alaska Native community is inherent in all we do.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS | Kamehameha Schools’ mission is to fulfill Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop’s desire to create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry.

POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY | Founded on a legacy of Pacific Ocean exploration, the Polynesian Voyaging Society seeks to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration through experiential educational programs that inspire students and their communities to respect and care for themselves, each other, and their natural and cultural environments.

SEALASKA | Established in 1972 and celebrating over 50 years in business, Sealaska is the Alaska Native regional corporation for Southeast Alaska. Our 25,000 shareholders are Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people with more than 10,000 years of ancestral ties to the oceans, forests and communities of Southeast Alaska. Our mission is to strengthen our people, culture, and homelands.

TLINGIT & HAIDA | Founded in 1935, the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) was established to pursue a land suit on behalf of the Tlingit and Haida people. The organization of Tlingit & Haida evolved out of the struggle of our people to retain a way of life strongly based on subsistence. Our Mission is to preserve our sovereignty, enhance our economic and cultural resources, and promote self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens.
Supportive Partners

**Allen Marine Tours |** Allen Marine Tours is a family-owned company based in Sitka and one of the oldest tour companies in Alaska. Allen Marine Tours has been cruising the pristine waters of the Inside Passage for over 45 years.

**Coeur Mining |** A U.S.-based precious metals producer with five wholly-owned operations: Palmarejo gold-silver complex in Mexico, Rochester silver-gold mine in Nevada, Kensington gold mine in Alaska, Wharf gold mine in South Dakota and Silvertip silver-zinc-lead exploration project in BC.

**Douglas Indian Association Tribal Government |** DIA’s base roll Tribal members originate from the T’aaku Kwáan and A’akw Kwáan clans which have inhabited the Anax Yaa Andagan Yé (Douglas) and Dzantik’i Héeni (Juneau) region since time immemorial.

**Goldbelt Corporation |** Founded in 1973, Goldbelt, Inc. is the urban corporation that represents the Juneau area, an Alaska Native corporation with deep connections to both our Ancestors and our children – we remember the stories and traditions of the past while working to build a bright future for our shareholders in Southeast AK and beyond.
Goldbelt Heritage Foundation | Established in 2001, Goldbelt Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is managed and governed entirely by Alaska Native people. Based in Juneau, GHF is committed to protecting, preserving, and passing on the cultural identity and ways of life of the Tlingit Indian people of Southeast Alaska.

KTOO | A non-profit Juneau-based media corporation that provides a variety of telecommunications services to Juneau and statewide audiences.

Salon Cedar | An award-winning premier hair styling studio in Juneau where our community can come to be celebrated and honored through a customized experience.

Sealaska Heritage Institute | A Native non-profit founded in 1980 to perpetuate and enhance Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska. Its goals are to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding through public services and events. Sealaska Heritage conducts scientific and public policy research that promotes Alaska Native arts, cultures, history and education statewide.

University of Alaska | The University of Alaska inspires learning, and advances and disseminates knowledge through teaching, research, and public service, emphasizing the North and its diverse peoples.

University of Alaska Southeast | UAS is a regional university serving all of Southeast Alaska through campuses in Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka. Each campus serves its own community and also contributes meaningfully to our regional university.

University of Hawaii | The University of Hawaii System includes 10 campuses and educational, training and research centers across the Hawaiian Islands. As the public system of higher education in Hawai‘i, UH offers unique and diverse opportunities.
Indigenous Stewardship of the Pacific

As the original and perpetual stewards of Alaska and throughout the Pacific, Indigenous peoples’ knowledge and leadership are critical to continued protection of our homelands, especially our oceans and waters. Wherever Indigenous leadership and decision-making authority has been severed from Indigenous peoples, the wound created has negatively affected the entire ecosystem - including the health and well-being of all peoples. We seek to end this separation with a reinvigorated forum that builds from the power, governance, and authority of Indigenous peoples across the Pacific. This effort requires a unique partnership focused on systems change through the amplification of Indigenous voices and leadership.

Indigenous leaders are creating a coalition across the Pacific to amplify the care and reclamation of stewardship over our sacred homelands, our oceans, sea highways, and waters. This coalition, currently called the Federation of United Pacific Peoples, has identified a number of goals which include:

- Create a network of Indigenous peoples who care about the well-being of the ocean and are advisors on Indigenous stewardship and knowledge about protecting our homelands;
- Build a common understanding of the collaboration, process, and communities’ desire for stewardship action, dependent on the community priorities;
- Explore potential for more support for Indigenous-led stewardship efforts from all partners and from NGOs;
- Organize support as needed to advance ongoing Indigenous stewardship action;
- Research approaches of other Indigenous groups and engage with them to confront and innovate around challenges similar to ours and identify ways to implement best practices;
- Research and draft an Indigenous Law of the Sea/Ocean and/or Law of Caretaking / Personhood Declaration that will govern the stewardship and protections of our oceans;
- Identify necessary policy changes and pursue initial stages of drafting new policies to return land, water, and wildlife management back to Indigenous Nations;
- Research and develop a comprehensive study outlining the significant cultural and economic contributions Indigenous peoples have and continue to bring to the world, which includes data of the fish and wildlife abundance pre and post colonization; and
- Create a forum for the Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific to engage on policy, governance, cultural knowledge exchange and utilization, and find opportunities to work together.

Contact: anpc@firstalaskans.org for more information.
‘Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium

Moananuiākea, “the great expanse of ocean,” is where profound human achievements have taken place for millennia. All continental land masses on earth fit easily within the borders of the Pacific, and the width of five moons can stretch across its widest point. Containing over half of the earth’s open water supply, the Pacific generates approximately every other human breath, and directly impacts weather systems around the globe. Moananuiākea, our ancestral oceanic homeland, is an extraordinary educational canvas for the highest quality of human learning.

The ‘Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium is a network of Indigenous partners dedicated to fostering relationships and promoting ancestral knowledge through cultural, educational, and professional exchange. Established in 2018 by the Ho’okahua Cultural Vibrancy Group at Kamehameha Schools, the Consortium provides a shared Pacific platform for the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Bishop Museum, the University of Hawai‘i, and other educational institutions. A successful series of virtual cultural exchanges is currently underway connecting Hawai‘i, with Aotearoa, Taiwan, Micronesia, and Alaska.

Our 12 partnerships—ratified through traditional ceremonies and signed declarations— represent six Pacific regions and six time zones, with partner communities engaging in seven Indigenous languages, and four world languages: French Polynesia: Tahiti and Taputapuātea, Ra‘iātea;Aotearoa (New Zealand); Rapa Nui (Easter Island); Micronesia: Satawal, Chuuk, Yap; Indigenous Taiwan: Kaviyangan Paiwan; and Alaska.

We envision Alaska Native peoples, Hawaiian, and Māori youth researching solutions for global warming across their diverse ecosystems; Xaadaas, Micronesian, and Indigenous Taiwanese Elders sharing methods for retaining traditional knowledge; Indigenous-serving universities in Alaska, Taiwan, Aotearoa, Guam and Hawai‘i partnering on inter-cultural research, and Indigenous multidisciplinary degree programs; elementary school students connecting virtually with their Indigenous counterparts to learn about human diversity, Native empowerment, and the global capacity for unity and peace.
Kaviyangan Paiwan Tribe, Indigenous Taiwan

Traveling some 8,000 miles to Juneau from her village Kaviyangan, in Pingtung, Taiwan is a member of the Royal Zingrur Family of the Paiwan Tribe: Princess Maljevljev, and tribal representatives. As Austronesian heritage keepers and culture bearers, their mission is to honor our hosts, the Indigenous Tribes of Alaska; offer a blessing for the Moananuiākea Voyage and the Hōkūleʻa; and express love and goodwill as they share their Paiwan culture on behalf of the Tribe from Kaviyangan Village. The Polynesian Voyaging Society recognizes the ancestral significance of the Paiwan’s participation in the Launch Celebration and is deeply honored.

Austronesian Language Heritage

Hawaiians and other Polynesians represent the youngest branches of an ancient language tree whose roots can be traced back linguistically some 6,000 years to a region now referred to as Taiwan (Formosa). Today, we view Taiwan as culturally Chinese; this is because the Han Chinese colonized the island in the 17th century. Their influence resulted in the rise of Chinese culture and the suppression and diminishing of the rich and diverse Indigenous tribal communities that had settled and flourished in Taiwan for well over 5,000 years. Like other First Nations around the world, Indigenous Taiwan is experiencing a resurgence of its Native languages and cultures, and efforts are underway to reclaim lands and tribal self-governance.

The languages spoken by the Indigenous inhabitants of Taiwan represent the very oldest branches of our shared language tree. The early speakers of this language group developed sophisticated maritime technology. Once perfected, they were able to successfully voyage to what is now called the Philippine Islands, and made their way into parts of western Micronesia and Indonesia. By tracing patterns of language, cultural development, plants, and now DNA, we know that the human dispersal that took place was epic and profound.
As groups traveled and traded, they settled throughout Island Southeast Asia, across the Indian Ocean to Madagascar, southward into the Bismarck Archipelago in Melanesia, and eventually to parts of eastern Micronesia. Their fine-tuned navigational skills brought them to Rapa Nui far to the east, Aotearoa to the south, and up to Hawai‘i, the northern apex of the Polynesian Triangle. Over the course of millennia, these voyages marked the development of new branches of languages and island cultures. Today, strong genetic, cultural, botanical, and linguistic imprints form a six thousand year-old map—a genealogical sail plan—the common denominator being a shared language tree referred to linguistically as “Austronesian.”
Sail Schedule & Map of the Routes

Yaakwdáat (Yakutat)
Xunaa (Hoonah)
Deishú/Tlákw.aan (Haines/Klukwan)
Dzánti K'ihéeni (Juneau)
Aangóon (Angoon)
Kée̱x’ (Kake)
Séet Ká (Petersburg)
Shtax’héen (Wrangell)
Kichxáan (Ketchikan)
T’éesh Kwáan Xagu (Saxman)
Maxłakxaala (Motelkatla)
Higdáa Gándlaay (Hydaburg)
Gasa’aan (Kasaan)
Sháan Séet (Craig)
Lawáak (Klawock)
Pacific Sail Plan
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Áak’w Kwáan Welcome Ceremony 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Auke Recreation Raven Picnic Shelter

Parking is located at UAS and buses will shuttle people to and from Auke Recreation Picnic Area. The road to Auke Rec will be closed to traffic. The Hōkūle’a will be anchored outside of Auke Recreation Picnic Area and the crew will be brought ashore with One People Canoe Society Yaakw’s (canoes).

The cultural ceremonies and protocols between the Hawaiian guests and the Áak’w Kwáan, supported by the Alaska Planning Crew, will be all that is conducted during this time. A more detailed outline of the ceremonies will be shared day of so everyone can follow along and understand what is being done and conducted as we engage in this historic gathering to begin a week of celebration and cultural exchange.

- Aak’w Kwáan - Represented by the L’eeneidi and Wooshkeetaan
- Hawai’i - Represented by Hokulea Crew, PVS, Kamehameha Schools, and the Pacific Consortium
- Alaska - Represented by the First Alaskans Institute, Sealaska, Tlingit & Haida
- Also available to livestream on MySealaska.com and broadcast live on KTOO.org/360TV

*A boxed meal will be provided on site, midway through the ceremony at the earliest, first come first serve.
Moananuiākea

Our Spirits Reawakened
Indigenous Education Exchange
June 11 - 14, 2023

As a part of the historic global launch of Moananuiākea, a forum for the sharing of Indigenous knowledges, languages, cultures, arts, stories, sciences, and community priorities will be hosted. Hawaiian and Alaska Native practitioners, leaders, educators, and voyagers will share time and space to strengthen and deepen our bonds and understandings of our world.

Participation in Our Spirits Reawakened, an Indigenous Education Exchange, is limited to our Hawaiian relatives and their guests and employees, Tribal Citizens of Tlingit & Haida and Douglas Indian Association and their families and employees, shareholders, descendants, and staff of Sealaska and Goldbelt, and their connected organizations, First Alaskans Institute trustees, staff, interns, and alumni, Alaska Natives and other Indigenous peoples in the area, students and employees of UA and UAS, and other invited guests. Registration will be available via email invite and on-site. When meals are provided, they will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. We thank you for understanding the limitations placed on us due to event space, catering, and session options.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

Our Spirits Reawakened
Day 1: Connecting with Place
Locations: Various Location (TBA)

Activities
- Dushóoch - Cold water bathing or dipping
- Tour of Indian Pt. & Auke Totem Poles
- Harvesting Plants & Salve Making
- Waterfall Glacier Walk- (easy)
- East Glacier Hike (hard)
- Mt. Roberts Hike/Tram ride (Harder)
- Tour of Juneau
- Time on your own in Juneau
- Water Outing (limited to 10 Hawaiian/international Guests)

*Lunch and dinner on your own
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

Our Spirits Reawakened Day 2: Gathering of Wa’a/Yaakw (Canoes)
Indigenous Education Exchange 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (EP Hall)

Morning

Canoe Life Discussion
- Polynesian Voyage Society & Alaskan canoe crew will livestream tours of their vessels, discuss voyaging and protocols, and talk story about canoe life.
- All will be livestreamed to the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.
- Lunch (provided).

Afternoon Cultural Breakouts:
- Sail making.
- Rope making.

Evening - 6:00 p.m. Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
- Dinner & Program Hosted by Goldbelt Corporation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Our Spirits Reawakened Day 3: Cultural Sharing
Indigenous Education Exchange | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (EP Hall)

Cultural Exchange Day
- Ceremonial Opening
- Centering Ourselves in Ancestral Ways
- Welcoming
- ‘10 Million Navigators’: Nainoa Thompson
- Pwo Navigators & Alaska Native Canoe Crew
- Austronesian Heritage of the Pacific: Paiwan Tribe of Kaviyangan Village, Taiwan: Princess Maljevljev, Zingrur Royal Family
- Lunch (Provided)

Cultural Breakout Sessions
- Native Foods Processing
- Pā’ani Makahiki: Games of the New Year Festival & Native Youth Olympics
- Harvesting & Gathering
- Indigenous Wellness
- Pwo Navigator & Alaska Native Canoeers Storytelling
- Mele Hula: Hawaiian Song and Dance & Xaadaas and Ts’m syen Song & Dance
- Hawaiian Lei | Cedar Weaving
- Hana Noe’au Hulu Manu: Art of Hawaiian Featherwork & Beginning Northwest Coast Formline

Evening - 6:00 p.m. Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
- Dinner & Program Hosted by Goldbelt Corporation
- Juneau Arts & Humanities Council, 350 Whittier St, Juneau, AK 99801
OUR SPIRITS REAWAKENED DAY 4: TAKU RIVER TOUR & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION EXCHANGE
Catamaran Tour & University Exchange 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Seadrome Dock for Tour / UAS for University Gathering

Morning - Taku River Tour with Douglas Indian Association
- Meet at 9:00 a.m. Allen Marine Catamaran at the Seadrome dock in downtown Juneau.
- Tour hosted by DIA to visit with them & learn more about their history.
- Tour participants are limited to our Hawaiian, International, and other Invited Guests, DIA and their Invited Guests and the Invited Guests of the Alaska Planning Crew.
- Morning free for those not participating in the Taku River Tour.

Afternoon (UAS Library, 11066 Auke Lake Way)
- Pacific Stories of Historic Connection.
- University gathering sessions.

Evening - 5:00 p.m. UAS Cafeteria
- Hosted by University of Alaska Southeast.
- Dinner for University gathering participants only.
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The Global Launch of Moananuiākea, A Voyage for Oceans, A Voyage for Earth is a historic event for Alaska, Hawaii, and all the Indigenous peoples of the Pacific and their respective homelands. The ceremonies of both the Hawaiians and their Alaska Native hosts are essential parts of the voyage - preparing the wa’a, the voyagers, safety boats and crew, and all others who will engage in hosting the voyage over the next four years for a safe and meaningful experience. The alignment of shared prayer, pule, and ceremonies, will help to ensure that we are of one heart, mind, and spirit in guiding the wa’a from Alaska across Moananuiākea, Ocean of the Great Expanse.
Hōkūle‘a voyaging with the Eagle, Raven, Wolf, and Killerwhale representing the love and prayers of the Haida, Tlingit, and Tsimshian peoples as she journeys across Moananuiākea, Ocean of the Great Expanse.
About the Artist’s

Logo design by Ronnie Fairbanks, (Tlingit/Ts’msyen/Chippewa). Ronnie is a well-known Northwest Coast artist and teacher. He makes his home in Klawock with his wife, Teresa, and children. He teaches art at Craig High School and chaperones numerous student outings combining art, science, and innovation.

Logo graphic design by Chloey Cavanaugh of AK Black and White Raven Company which is an LGBTQ+ Indigenous owned small business that believes in building community and giving back. The Owner Chloey Cavanaugh is Was’ineidi Tax’Hit, Eagle Wolf clan in Kake, Alaska and credits her commitment to community and culture from her grandfather Archie Cavanaugh
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