Chief J. Allan has served as Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe from 2005 to 2018 and was nominated to serve as Chairman again in 2020 and 2021. As a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, Chief's responsibilities include leadership decisions that help guide the direction of the Tribe in matters including the cultural, historical, and contemporary resources of the Tribe.

Chief's priorities have focused around education, economic development, healthy lifestyles, human rights and the environment. The Tribe was awarded the Kootenai Task Force on Human Relations Award in recognition of its work in these area, and the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce named Chief Allan its 2017 Citizen of the Year.

Under his leadership the Tribe has seen major economic and social service expansions; first with the addition of a new wing, expanded gaming area and additional eateries at the Coeur d'Alene Casino which in turn provided additional employment opportunities to the area.

Second, the opening of the medical facility – Marimn Health - which is about to embark on an expansion aimed at helping serve the community more efficiently. The facility is a model of community health in Indian Country and serves not just the reservation residents but all those who are able to access it. The facility provides care in the following fields: medical, dental, mental health, optical, chiropractic and community programs aimed at advocating better lifestyles.

Chief served the Council during the conception and building phase of the Coeur Center in Worley which boasts an interactive swim facility, workout stations, snack bar, meeting rooms and is home the Boys and Girls Club of the Coeur d'Alene reservation.

He has 2 children who he cheers on at their sporting events and himself enjoys playing basketball with other Tribal members on the reservation.