

Brian Harris

Chief of Catawba Nation

Contact



Biography

In July 2023, Brian Harris was nominated as Chief of the Catawba Nation, bringing over twenty years of dedicated advocacy for the Catawba community. He holds a bachelor's degree in business, and associate's degree in management and has served in various leadership roles, including Chairman of the Iswa Housing Board, Administrative Officer of the Indian Health Catawba Service Unit, and member of the Judicial Committee, Economic Development Committee, USET Housing and Veterans Committees, and the Cultural Preservation Board.

Recently, he was honored to be voted Chairman of the Council of the Chiefs in South Carolina by his peers and serves as Chairman of the Catawba Foundation. He is also a former Chairman of Catawba Corporations and has held several board positions, including with the United Southern Eastern Tribes, Direct Tribes Advisory, SC Minority Affairs (DSTAC), and the CDC Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Tribal Advisory Committee (CDC/ATSDR). Additionally, he is a board member of the TD Bank National Community Advisory Board. Chief Harris also serves as Chairman of the Boys and Girls Club for the Catawba Nation.

Chief Harris has been married to his wife, Candi, for thirty years, and they have five beautiful children and four grandchildren. He is most proud of his roles as a father and as Chief of the Catawba Nation. He enjoys having lunch with Catawba seniors at the Senior Center and engaging with the youth in childcare programs.

Chief Harris is passionate about supporting tribal services, Chief Harris focuses on healthcare, education, elder care, economic development, and housing needs for tribal citizens. He tirelessly works to enhance the welfare of the Catawba community by fostering relationships and developing essential services. He is committed to revitalizing Catawba culture, sharing the rich traditions of the Catawba people, and supporting local drummers, dancers, potters, and artisans. His determination to uplift the Nation and create opportunities guides his decisions and initiatives.

