

Thomas Goodman Allen Jr BIO

I Thomas Goodman Allen Jr. was born and raised in Colorado. In addition I went to Head-start here at the Denver Indian Center. I work as the Data Manager/RGS for the Honoring Fatherhood Program at the Denver Indian Center. In addition to Data responsibilities I am out in the community: at Pow-wow's, presenting at Schools, planning and implementing activities like the Senior Luncheon, Fry Bread Friday's, Voter & Census Registration and am a member of the Colorado Equity Alliance. I enjoy spreading knowledge about Native Americans and getting the discussions started.

I am a full blooded Native American of Sac and Fox, Northern Arapaho, and Euchee decent. On my maternal side of my family I descend from the survivors of The Sand Creek Massacre, our original Arapaho family name was "Runs Behind the Tribe" – denoting the position our family was responsible for within the tribe. On my paternal side of the family I share close lineage to Chief Black Hawk (also the namesake of the CO gambling town) & Olympic Medalist Jim Thorpe. Our original Sauk family name was "Where the Whirlpool Gathers" – since this is a word with 16 characters, early Colonizers decided Allen was easier to pronounce.

I am hopeful in the future of my people and strive to serve the Native American Community through the endeavors of the American Indian Commission.