

Dear Incoming Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Wisconsin-Madison!

As you will soon learn, a key part of your educational experience is where you live. Not only is it a place to sleep and eat, but also a "home away from home". Choosing the right home could make the transition easier to have a successful school year full of memories and lifelong friendships.

We would like to encourage you to consider living at the Babcock House, a co-ed cooperative and social organization of 24 men and women that is unique to the University of Wisconsin. Babcock House started 85 years ago when Dr. Stephen Babcock willed his home to students with the sincere intention that deserving and qualified students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences would have a place to reside and cultivate their educational and social lives. Today, Babcock House has evolved into a community of students and alumni that boasts a high GPA, a strong campus involvement, and a dedication to tradition and camaraderie. Many of our alumni continue to be active in the university as professors while others are also active in the agriculture industry in a variety of positions.

In the spirit of Dr. Babcock's gift, the house offers an affordable living option for its members. At a base rent of \$420 per month, Babcock is among the most reasonable of housing options on campus and includes all the following amenities:

- A fully furnished room
- Eight professionally prepared meals each week
- 24/7 kitchen access, storage, and basic groceries (i.e. bread, milk, eggs, cereal, etc.)
- Utilities
- High-speed wireless Internet and cable
- Free printing
- Free laundry

Having lived in the Babcock house for the past year, I can certainly vouch for the home-like atmosphere of the Babcock House. It has easily been the best decision of my college career, but to truly understand the benefits of this house I encourage you to experience it for yourself.

All interested students are welcome to come by the house for a tour or to join us for one of our delicious meals prepared by our cook, Kizzy. If interested in either of these options, please feel free to contact me by phone or email at the contact information below.

I hope to hear from you soon, and On Wisconsin!

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