

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | September 2024

From the alumni president

Max Shenkenberg, Babcock House alumni president, class of '17

Greetings, Babcockers! We are excited to greet all Babcock House members past, present, and potentially future at this year's annual meeting during Homecoming! Save the date of Saturday, October 26, and plan to meet up at Babcock House (1936 University Ave.) 2½ hours prior to kickoff. It is always enjoyable to meet and reconnect with former Babcockers, so we encourage all who are able to attend the meeting



leading up to our showdown with Penn State. Plenty of food and beverages will be provided by our House chef, Carrie Mess.

The past year, the students were faced with the ever-challenging task of House recruitment due to many students graduating. However, a well-deserved congratulations is due to current House president, Bryn Johnson, as well as current public relations director, Hope Connolly, as they did an outstanding job finding excellent students to fill the vacant spots in the House.

This goes without saying, but student recruitment is forever constant and we find that the very best Babcockers come from previous Babcockers. If you know a student planning to continue their education at UW-Madison, Babcock House is already taking applications for the upcoming school year.

As always, we as an organization want to send a heartfelt thanks for all the generous support and donations from our alumni. With these contributions, we continue to award more scholarships to students to financially support them during their academic careers. We are also proud to report the creation of the newest scholarship in memory of Leo A. Zehren, whose family started this scholarship fund after his passing last year. With this addition, we can offer more scholarship opportunities than ever before and Babcock House Cooperative is extremely grateful.

Finally, as we plan to meet later on this fall, we will be in search of nominees to serve on our Babcock House Board of Directors. If this is of any interest to any alumni, we will hold an election at the conclusion of our annual meeting. If any alumni interested in serving on the board are unable to attend, we will also accept nominations via email at babcockhousealumni@gmail.com.

On, Wisconsin!

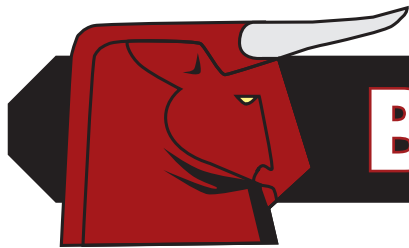
From the House president

Bryn Johnson, Babcock House president

Hello! I'm excited to introduce myself as the Babcock House president. This school year started off strong by welcoming 13 new House members! They have all been eager to help the house one way or another - whether it's helping us fill the parking lot for game days or going the extra mile by completing their weekly jobs. But it hasn't all been work; we've had fun playing games and watching movies in the living room as a House and celebrating game days by playing bags and spending time on the porch. I'm excited for what's still to come for the rest of the school year! We look forward to planning more social events and other house activities as we continue the year.

All our House members and I are grateful for the continued support to not only our academics, but also the future of Babcock House.





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From the House steward

Ian Clark, Babcock House steward

Hello again, Babcock Family! I would like to start by saying what a year it has been so far. For the first time since my freshman semester at the House, we are at full capacity with some incredible new freshmen faces, all of whom seem to embody the Babcock spirit, both at tailgates and the quieter House events! Our recruiting efforts already this year have been outstanding.

Since the last newsletter, we have not had a ton of new House updates. Over the summer, the House took a more relaxed approach due to the major heating overhaul that I helped oversee last year with the new boiler and water heater. But, the House continues to stay in a great state! The light bulbs are still bright as ever, the internet improvements are holding strong, the kitchen sink is running perfectly, and we continue to pass the inspections I keep putting the House through! From a House condition standpoint, we are running smoothly and will continue to do so as I take on more House projects this year, such as some much needed door replacements and hopefully some landscaping in the spring!

As we move later into the year, I am still honored that I was chosen as the House steward, but my eyes are always on the future as my term is almost up. I am scouring the new crop of freshmen to find my replacement and am very excited to get them trained on what has been one of the most rewarding and experience-filled opportunities of my life. This stewardship has truly been an honor and a pleasure, and I would again like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the Babcock alumni who have given their continuous support and love for this little place we all call home. Your donations, support, and love keeps this place going and we could not be more grateful for everything you do for us. You all allow the Babcock House to keep thriving, so truly thank you and On, Wisconsin!



Thank you for supporting our students!

Bryan Rowntree, Babcock House alumni treasurer, class of '13

Greetings, Babcock alumni! I wish you a happy fall as we kick off another school year in Madison at Babcock House. I am happy to report the House remains in a stable financial position due to the work of the students to maintain a full House membership and work together to manage our expenses. We have seen notable increases over the past few years, most notably in food, utilities, and insurance costs. We have had to make small rent adjustments to combat these increases and to make sure we are keeping the House in strong financial position, but Babcock House still provides one of the best values on campus for our students.

As always, I want to thank those alumni who have donated both to the Scholarship Fund at the UW Foundation and to the House directly for use toward improvements. Your support is greatly appreciated and benefits the future classes of UW-Madison students that become Babcockers - the same shoes that we all filled at one time or another.

Finally, I will note this is my last newsletter article for my term as treasurer on the board. Our call for the next treasurer was answered by Alex Held who joined the board in January. Alex is a recent alumnus and brings experience in the agricultural banking sector. I am confident he will continue the board's work to improve and sustain Babcock House going forward. It was a pleasure serving Babcock House and working together with students and alumni together over the past few years.

See you at the Homecoming meeting!



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Meet the 2024-2025 Babcock House scholarship recipients

At this year's Homecoming annual meeting, we will present the following students with \$14,000 in total scholarships! These students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, campus involvement and House leadership. All our recipients are well-deserving of these scholarships that have been made possible from the generous donations from Babcock alumni, family and friends. The board would like to thank everyone that has donated to the house scholarship fund this past year. Your continued support helps to make attending UW-Madison a little easier on the Babcock House residents. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the UW Foundation (Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund, Account No. 132040860) online at www.supportuw.org/give. Please check the "Dedicate my give in honor or memory of a person" if you would like to donate to a specific named scholarship.

This year we have a new scholarship to offer to the students living in the House. The Leo A. and Janet Zehren Memorial Scholarship was generously set up by Leo's wife, Janet, as well as their children and many friends after Leo's peaceful passing at the age of 88. Leo was a House member in the 1950s and a proud Babcocker. The board would like to once again thank the Zehren family for establishing this scholarship.

Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,750)

Bryn Johnson: I'm the president of Babcock House for the '24-'25 school year. I'm a senior studying wildlife ecology. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in conservation or wildlife research. I am very grateful to receive the Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship and Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship, and of all the House alumni do to support current members of Babcock.

Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarships (\$1,750)

Ella DeRosier: This will be my fifth and final year of my undergraduate degree, and my third year in the Babcock House. I am majoring in global health and environmental studies, and plan to be part of either the Entomology Club (which I was part of last year) or the Anthropology Club, and potentially one of the Hoofers clubs. After college, I want to take time to work and backpack around the world before potentially going to grad school. I am extremely grateful for the scholarship I have received; thank you so much for helping me pay for my college education, and helping to make my dreams possible.

Meg Thiry: I am starting my master's degree in curriculum and instruction for science education. I am so grateful to be returning to the Babcock House for the third year. The community of support we have here is something I will never take for granted. After college, I plan to teach high school biology and environmental sciences. I am so grateful to have received the Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship and a portion of the Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships will help me focus on becoming the best teacher I can and to be present as a House member during my last year here. Thank you so much for these generous gifts.

Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarships

Bryn Johnson (\$500), **Ella DeRosier** (\$250) and **Meg Thiry** (\$250)

Bob Van Liere Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Ming Wang: This is my second year in Babcock House. I am currently a senior studying computer science and economics. Upon completing my journey at UW-Madison, I want to be a software developer while also instructing fencing to youth.

Dan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Fiona Seto: This is my second year in the Babcock House and my third year at UW-Madison as a computer science major. Thank you to those who were involved with the Dan Nusbaum Scholarship. This scholarship will help me through the remainder of college and allow me more relief to focus on searching for jobs in the technology field.

John and Helen Rossmiller Babcock House Scholarship (\$1,250)

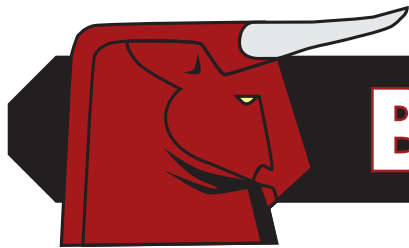
Hope Connolly: I am a sophomore majoring in kinesiology. I am a member of the Badger Dairy Club, KinEqt, Anatomy Club, Audubon Society and Saint Paul's Catholic Church. I also work for the Hoofers Sailing Shop. This generous scholarship will allow me to continue to pursue opportunities and make connections at this wonderful university, and I am so grateful to everyone who plays a part in this generous donation.

Les and Ellen Huber Memorial Scholarship (\$1,250)

Ember Foreman: I am a third-year in the House, and my major is genetics and genomics. After college, I plan to go to grad school and hope to become a researcher. I am also the public relations person for the Succulent Club, and I currently have more than 30 houseplants! I really appreciate receiving the Babcock House Les and Ellen Huber Memorial Scholarship and being able to put that money towards my tuition.

Leo A. and Janet Zehren Memorial Scholarship (\$1,250)

Ian Clark: I am the current House steward. This will be my third and final year living here at the House as I am graduating this spring with a degree in chemistry. Outside of Babcock House, I am involved with the Hoofers as the Sailing Shop director for the Hoofers Sailing Club and sitting on the Board of captains, as well as working for the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center. Thank you all very much for awarding me this scholarship and giving me the opportunity to self-fund my education.



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Meet the 2024-2025 Babcock House scholarship recipients

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Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship (\$1,000)

Jake Battani: I'm currently serving as vice president of Babcock House. I'm a third-year student, but this year is my second year in the House. I am majoring in computer science with a certificate in French, and my dream is to work abroad in Quebec or France as a software developer. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunities given to me as part of the Babcock House community. The house has allowed me to come out of my shell, and I want to thank the alumni and all those who have donated their time and money to improve the House and provide scholarships like the one I will be receiving.

Demeter Scholarship (\$1,000)

Andrew Molodchenko: I am a keen third-year Babcocker from Russia. My major is biochemistry, which I plan to use in graduate school to research soil and crop interactions. Now, I work on alfalfa research at the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center, which is rewarding and challenging at the same time. I like rock climbing, reading and cooking Russian meals in my free time.

Help recruit the next class!

Do you know of a student who would be a great addition to Babcock House? If so, contact Hope Connolly, Babcock House public relations director, at hconnolly2@wisc.edu for details.

Check out the Babcock House website at <https://www.babcockhouse.org/> and share it with the prospective students you know.

Visit Babcock House on Facebook ([@babcockhouse](https://www.facebook.com/babcockhouse)) or Instagram ([@babcockhouse](https://www.instagram.com/babcockhouse)) where prospective students, as well as yourself, can follow what service, social, and sporting events Babcock House is participating in!

Babcock House alumna named Wisconsin's 77th Alice in Dairyland

Halei Heinzl, 77th Alice in Dairyland, class of '24

Hello all! I am a recent alumna of Babcock House, graduating class of 2024. This spring, I was selected to serve as Wisconsin's 77th Alice in Dairyland, a public relations professional with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the official agricultural ambassador for the State of Wisconsin.

The connections I made, relationships I built, and lessons I learned during my time at Babcock House have been instrumental to my success while serving as Alice. I look forward to connecting with many of you during my travels this year and it is an honor to represent Babcock House and Wisconsin's agriculture industry. On, Wisconsin!

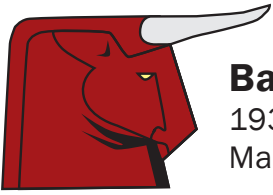


Let's congratulate Babcock alumni

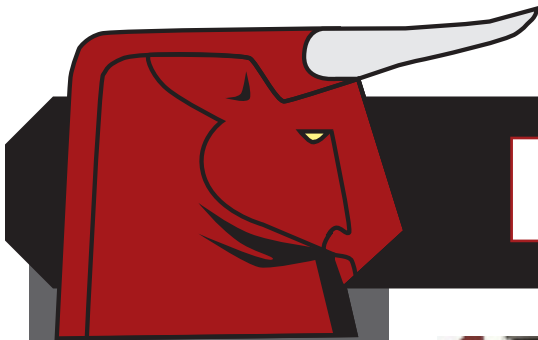
Babcock House alumni have made great contributions to and achievements in the agriculture industry and their professional careers. They've also volunteered countless hours on behalf of the industry and in their local communities.

If you know an alum receiving an award or reaching a milestone, please email us (babcockhousealumni@gmail.com) as we would like to share the information with all alumni.





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Need to get in touch with your Babcock alumni friends?

Our email address is babcockhousealumni@gmail.com.

Please email us to receive your Babcock House newsletter electronically. You can save us a few bucks if you do!



See you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 26!

The Wisconsin Badgers will take on the Penn State Nittany Lions (kickoff time TBD). The Babcock House annual meeting will take place 2½ hours prior to kickoff. Join us to catch up with old friends and enjoy a tailgate meal!