

# BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | September 2023

## From the alumni president

*Jeff Liner, Babcock House alumni president, class of '95*

I hope everyone had a great summer!

Things are generally going well at Babcock House. The alumni board has invested in new mattresses, upgraded the living room lighting, and is finishing the front porch railing. We have a new steward-elect, Ian Clark. He is learning the position this summer/fall under Stephen Zheng and it's always great to see the next group of students develop their leadership skills!

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the annual Homecoming Meeting on Saturday, October 7. The meeting will start 2½ hours before kickoff, but please come early and enjoy fellowship with alumni and students. We will have food and beverages as well.

The Badger football team takes on Rutgers for Homecoming. As I am write this, the game time is still to be determined (11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.). I know we are all looking forward to seeing how the new coaching staff fares and how the Air-Raid offense does in the Big Ten.

A number of Babcock alumni will be going to the game as a small group. If you ordered and paid for tickets, they can be picked up at the house before the game. We only procured small number of tickets this year, but if there is sufficient interest, we can order more for next year, so let us know if you like this idea and want to consider joining us next year.

Our years at Babcock House were some of the most memorable and fun times of our lives, so don't be afraid to reconnect! See you at Homecoming. On, Wisconsin!



## October 7: Homecoming & Annual Meeting

### Babcock House Annual Meeting

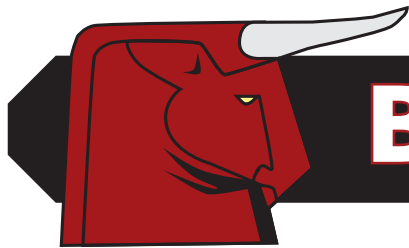
**Time:** TBD (the meeting will take place 2½ hours before kick-off)

**Location:** Babcock House (1936 University Ave. Madison)

**Kick-off** | Wisconsin Badgers versus Rutgers Scarlet Knights

**Get your game tickets!** The alumni board has reserved a limited number of tickets for Babcock House alumni to attend the game. The tickets are in section AA, Row 20. The game time has not yet been announced (but should be 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.).

Reserve your spot now to attend the game with fellow Babcockers! Tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Each ticket is \$70 and includes food and drinks at Babcock House before the game. To reserve your ticket(s) today, email Bryan Rowntree at [browntree66@gmail.com](mailto:browntree66@gmail.com). You can send your check payable to Babcock House now and pick up the printed tickets at Babcock House before the game.



# BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

## Meet the House president

Noah Sydow, Babcock House president

Hi, my name is Noah Sydow and I am the student president at Babcock House this year. This is my third year living in the House and I am excited take on this role this year. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering this past May and am continuing with a one-year master's program in biomedical engineering, focusing on innovation, design, and entrepreneurship. I hope to use this to pursue a career in medical devices following this academic year.

There are seven new House members this year and we have gotten off to a good start. We already had our first gameday and celebrated a few birthdays in the House. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Homecoming meeting this October, and getting to spend one last year in this House that has been a true blessing to me.

## From the House steward

Stephen Zheng, Babcock House steward

For those whom I have not met, my name is Stephen Zheng and this will be my last semester as House Steward. Undoubtedly, my time as House steward has been one of the highlights of my college career and I look forward to training in our incoming House steward, Ian Clark.

Current House morale is high with all House members having already gone to social events with one another. We are kicking off the school year on a great note!

The House got substantial upgrades during the summer. House mattresses were tossed out and replaced with new mattresses. In the living room, a new lighting system was installed. Significant upgrades to the kitchen and shed occurred, with new flooring in the shed and appliances in the kitchen.

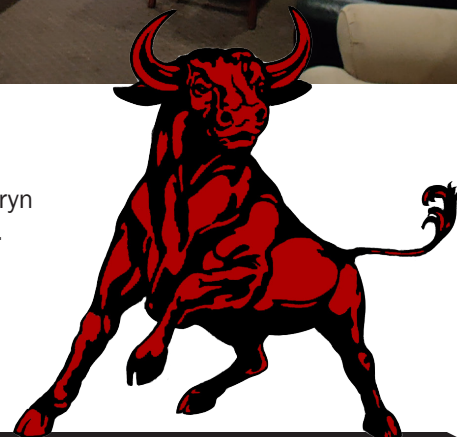
Out of previous semesters, I am most excited to see how the House will progress this semester. Upper- and underclassmen have been great to get to know, and I look forward to working with them in the future. Thanks for the opportunity and On, Wisconsin!



## Help recruit the next class!

Do you know of any students who would be a good fit for the Babcock House? If so, contact Bryn Johnson, Babcock House public relations director, at [brjohnson23@wisc.edu](mailto:brjohnson23@wisc.edu) for more details.

Check out the House website, and share it with prospective students you may know! Visit Babcock House on Facebook ([@babcockhouse](https://www.facebook.com/babcockhouse)) or Instagram ([@babcock\\_house](https://www.instagram.com/babcock_house)) where prospective students (as well as yourself) can follow what service, social, and sporting events Babcock House is participating in!





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## Thank you for your generosity

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

Happy fall to all our alumni reading this! Soon enough the leaves be turning, the fall harvest will begin and the sounds of Camp Randall gamedays will be heard once again from Babcock House in Madison!

I would like to thank the alumni for their continued support and donations to the House. We have had several inquiries lately asking how to donate to Babcock in memoriam of a past alumni. Donations to the House operating budget can be made at any time by mailing a check to the House (addressed to Alumni Board Treasurer). With a full House in recent years, we continue to be on solid financial footing and have limited any rent changes to a single increase in the fall of 2022 to maintain a balanced meal budget. With that said, as many of you know from experience, old houses are always in need of repair and improvement! Alumni donations have paved the way for many House improvements while allowing us to maintain a low rent rate for our students.

As a final reminder, at this year's Homecoming annual meeting on October 7, we will be electing a new board member who will serve as the alumni board treasurer. We look forward to electing a new board member to serve in this capacity and I will remain on the board for 2024 during the transition. Feel free to contact me at [browntree66@gmail.com](mailto:browntree66@gmail.com) if you are interested and have any questions about the role.

I hope to see many of you at 1936 University Avenue for Homecoming on October 7 as we get together for the annual meeting and football game! On, Wisconsin!

## Meet the new House members

Check out the Babcock House website ([www.babcockhouse.org](http://www.babcockhouse.org)) to learn more about current House members, social members and the alumni board members.



**Jake Battani**  
Sophomore | computer science  
Waterford, Wis.



**Hope Connolly**  
Freshman | undecided  
Montfort, Wis.



**Mackenzie Foertsch**  
Senior | psychology  
Chicago Ridge, Ill.



**Mecca Israel-Burke**  
Senior | global health  
Michawaka, Ind.



**Jon Minnis**  
Sophomore | nutritional science  
Appleton, Wis.

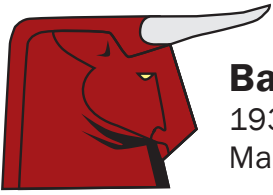


**Fiona Seto**  
Sophomore | computer science  
Naperville, Ohio

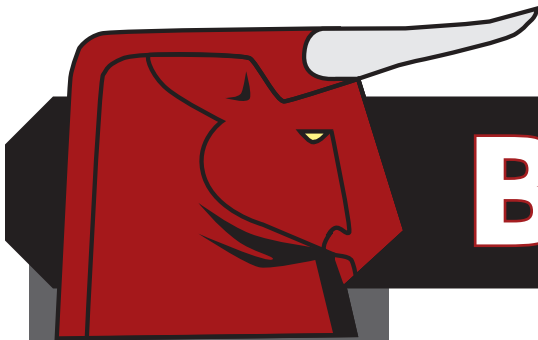


**Ming Wang**  
Junior | computer science  
Cleveland, Ohio





**Babcock House**  
1936 University Ave.  
Madison, WI 53726



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## Email us

Need to get in touch  
with your Babcock  
alumni friends?

Our email address is  
[babcockhousealumni  
@gmail.com](mailto:babcockhousealumni@gmail.com).

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

## 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](mailto:babcockhousealumni@gmail.com))  
as we would like to share the information  
with all alumni.

## See you at Homecoming!

Make plans to celebrate UW Homecoming on  
Saturday, October 7, and attend the Babcock House  
Annual Meeting.

*Details inside this newsletter.*

