

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | October 2022

From the alumni president

Bailey Quam Schultz, Babcock House alumni president, class of '12

The leaves are starting to change, students are back on campus and college football has taken over Saturdays once again. These three things can only mean one thing: UW Homecoming is right around the corner and it's time for Babcock alumni to come together!

This year's UW Homecoming will take place on Saturday, October 22, with a 2:30 p.m. game against Purdue. On behalf of the Alumni Board, I invite you to join us at noon for the Babcock House Annual Meeting. Together with the House cook, students will serve lunch and open the doors to our beloved House for alumni to come together and reminisce while reviewing finances and awarding scholarships.

Similar to last year, we will host the meeting outside and will use Zoom to broadcast virtually.

Additionally, I would like to thank Brian Bradley for serving five years on the Alumni Board. While his term doesn't conclude until the end of 2022, we will look to fill his position at the meeting. If you are interested in donating your time and giving back to Babcock House by serving on the board, please let me know. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I hope to see you on Saturday, October 22. On, Wisconsin!

From the House steward

Stephen Zheng, Babcock House steward

Hello! My name is Stephen Zheng and this will be my first year as House steward! As another school year begins, the excitement about being back together has House morale at a high. With a hefty 12 new House members, upperclassmen are very excited to get to know these students and are anticipating our future social events with them!

Move-in went smoothly, especially in 2nd Loft where a new loft system and furniture have been set up. In addition, rooms in the House have gotten new desks, drawers, and tables, courtesy of UW Housing. Future plans for the House include a new kitchen oven, new blinds for rooms, new living room lighting, and repairing of the house front steps and sign.

With a strong, new freshman class, I am excited to see how the House will shape up in the coming weeks and I look forward to working together with this year's fantastic House members!

October 22: Homecoming & Annual Meeting

12 p.m. Babcock House Annual Meeting

In-person: Babcock House (1936 University Ave. Madison)

Virtually: Join via Zoom

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95695698203?pwd=OEsOVTRaRXIFdzllamsxU2d2NEw5dz09>

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Dial by your location

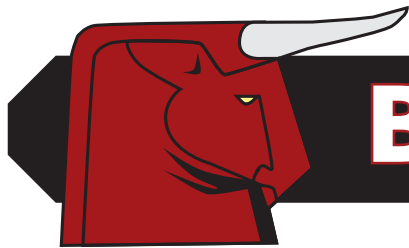
312.626.6799 (Chicago)

929.205.6099 (New York)

301.715.8592 (Washington DC)

2:30 p.m. Kick-off

Wisconsin Badgers versus Purdue Boilermakers



BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

From the House president

Kirstin Novak, Babcock House president

Hi! My name is Kirstin Novak and I am the current House president!

This school year has been off to a great start! We have 12 new members and they are all so friendly, fun and contribute so much to the House. We kicked off the year by having a cookout at DTS. Game days have been busy as always and we have had fun filling the back lot and front porch! We enjoy some good games of corn hole and throwing the football around, only occasionally getting it stuck in the tree. We have also attended different social events, had many movie nights in the living room, enjoy lots of meals together, and continue to play volleyball while the weather allows us to. We have also started an intramural volleyball team, the Babcock Bashers!

As the year continues, we look forward to planning homecoming activities, dances, service events and other social events!

Thank you all for your continued support of the House and the members in it!



Cookout with DTS



House meal

Meet the new faculty advisor

Kody Habeck, Babcock House faculty advisor, classes of '08 and '11

I am excited to be part of Babcock House once again as I take over the position of faculty advisor. Dave Thomas stepped down from this position after years of dedication to the House. I would like to personally thank Dave for his time and service to Babcock House. He has been a huge help in transitioning this role.

I am a former House member who lived in the House from 2006 to 2008 and stayed active with the House until graduating my second time in 2011. I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in biological systems engineering (BSE) with an emphasis in machinery systems. I am currently a teaching faculty for the BSE department where I run a student and research fabrication shop and teach BSE courses.

I live in Jefferson, Wisconsin, on my family farm. In 2019 my wife, Theresa, and I built our home on the farm to be able to be more active with the farming operations. Earlier this summer, Theresa and I welcomed our son, Kayce, into the world. We have had our hands full with learning the ropes as new parents. In addition to our son, we have two four-legged family members, Banjo and Nova.

In my free time, when I am not helping on the farm or helping take care of Kayce, I have plenty of hobbies to keep me busy. I am an avid deer hunter, both archery and gun. Nova, our German Shorthair, also enjoys pheasant hunting with me and I find it fascinating to watch her work a field. I also enjoy woodworking and metalworking. I recently started my own small business, Milky Way Metalworks, LLC, where I design and make custom plasma-cut signs on my CNC plasma cutter. If that



wasn't enough to keep me busy, I also love the winter when I can get out snowmobiling. I am an active member in my snowmobile club and am a DNR-certified snowmobile safety course instructor.

In addition to serving as the faculty advisor for Babcock House, I am the faculty advisor for a small engines club on campus and assist with the Quarter Scale Tractor team on campus. To get more students active in the fabrication shop, I started a biweekly shop night for BSE students to come in and fabricate personal projects. This year, they will be making folding wooden camp chairs and metal lawn dice, plasma-cutting metal art, and sand-casting aluminum parts that they 3D print.

I look forward to taking on this role and giving back to Babcock House, which gave so much to me as a college student.



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Thank you for your generosity

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

Earlier this spring, we enjoyed a very successful 90th Anniversary Celebration for Babcock House hosted by the Quam family at their farm in Lodi. On behalf of the board, I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who attended, volunteered, and graciously donated to the event. As is our usual tradition, we asked alumni to sponsor student meals so students could attend without cost. We had more sponsors than students (a wonderful problem to have), so extras were included as donations to the House. We also owe a very special thank you to the donors and buyers of items for the live auction following the dinner. We had 23 items and we were blown away by the generosity of both donors and buyers. On the whole, we raised \$6,775 in auction proceeds. After the event expenses were paid off, the combined auction, dinner fees and other cash donations for the night combined for a \$9,447 income that will be put toward House savings. Thank you once again for your attendance, participation and generous donations. We look forward to sharing House improvements in a future newsletter.

See you at the 95th and On, Wisconsin!

Student dinner sponsors

- Garritt & Gwen Boettcher
- Brian Bradley
- David Briel
- Kevin Brunner
- Oscar Catrambone
- Larry Clark
- Steve & Gina Costello
- Nicole Gross & Leland Hyman
- Kody & Theresa Habeck
- Charlie & Theo Knigge
- Phil Knigge
- Jeff Liner
- Larry Martell
- Warren & Heather Meyer
- Steven & Mary Millin
- Daniel Moehn
- Dave & Vicki Natzke
- Jim & Kathie Natzke
- Mark Natzke
- Tom & Tracey Novak
- Matt & Ashley O'Leary
- Phil & Carol O'Leary
- Warren & Renee Pickar
- Bill & Angie Radtke
- Amanda Rose
- Bryan Rowntree
- Scott & Jennifer Rowntree
- Mike Sabel
- Dan Schaefer
- Max Shenkenberg
- Jim & Lisa Sutheimer
- Dave & Lynda Thomas

- Dan & Ellen Wepner
- Terry & Christina Wiedenhoef
- Shane & Amanda Williams

Auction buyers

- Naomi Bernstein
- Brian Bradley
- Kody Habeck
- Larry Martell
- Tom Novak
- Phil O'Leary
- Laura Pehler
- Alex Roltgen
- Amanda Rose
- Jeff Rozum
- Dave & Bailey Schultz
- Ike Schultz

- Max Shenkenberg
- Dave Thomas
- Dan Wepner
- Ellen Wepner
- Christina Wiedenhoef
- Shane Williams

Auction donors

- Bradley & Wepner families
- Mike, Steve & Brian Costello
- Kody Habeck
- Glenn Helgeland
- Pete Knigge
- Jeff Liner
- Doug Ney
- Tom Novak
- Phil O'Leary

- Quam family
- Keith Ripp
- Amanda Rose
- Bryan Rowntree
- Kyle Rowntree
- Paul Rowntree
- Tom Rowntree
- Mike Sabel
- Jake Standal, Bryan Rowntree, Keith Christensen, Ryan O'Leary & Lauryn Krentz
- Shane Williams

Help recruit the next class!

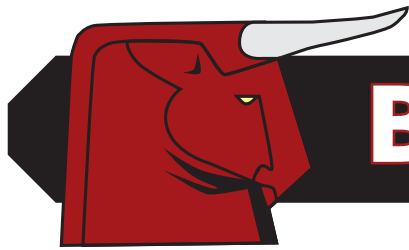
Do you know of a student who would be a great addition to Babcock House? If so, contact Maria Kraus, Babcock House public relations officer, at mlkraus2@wisc.edu for details.

Check out the [Babcock House recruitment video](#) and share it with the prospective students you know. See what Babcock House means to today's students.

Visit Babcock House on Facebook ([@babcockhouse](#)) or Instagram ([@babcock_house](#)) where prospective students (as well as yourself) can follow what service, social, and sporting events Babcock House is participating in!

Game day fun





BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

Meet the new House members

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



Ian Clark

Junior | Chemistry
Kiel, Wis.



Ella DeRosier

Junior | Soil science, community &
environmental sociology
Osceola, Wis.



Ember Foreman

Freshman | Genetics
Burlington City, N.J.



Halei Heinzl

Sophomore | Dairy science
Oconomowoc, Wis.



Bryn Johnson

Sophomore | Animal science
Green Bay, Wis.



Sumanth Karnati

Sophomore | Computer science
Southern India



Collin Krachey

Junior | Mechanical engineering
Sun Prairie, Wis.



Andrew Moldochenko

Sophomore | Biochemistry
Moscow, Russia



Lauren Radtke

Sophomore | Kinesiology
Edgerton, Wis.



Anna Schoenike

Junior | Animal science
Fort Atkinson, Wis.



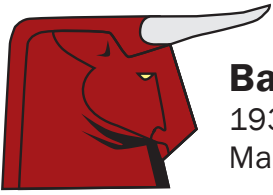
Leo Strand

Freshman | Environmental studies,
political science
Milton, Wis.

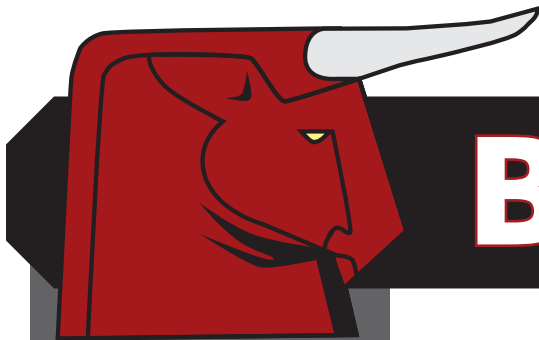


Meg Thiry

Sophomore | Biology
Kiel, Wis.



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Email us

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!

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.

See you at Homecoming!

Make plans to celebrate UW Homecoming on Saturday, October 22, and attend the Babcock House Annual Meeting in-person or virtually.

Details inside this newsletter.

