

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | September 2017

From your alumni president

*Shane Williams, Babcock House
alumni president, Class of '09*

Another school year has quickly settled upon Babcock House, which means three things: 1) a large crop of new students has moved into the house; 2) summer projects have been completed or are just about wrapped up; and 3) football Saturdays!

Please join us at the House if you are able the day of Homecoming so that you can experience and enjoy all of the above! We're proud to announce, for the second year in a row, that we'll be handing out a record amount of scholarship funds to our deserving House members this year. This not only reflects the character of our students, but also shows the commitment of alumni to the House for years after they've pushed in their meal chair (hopefully after excusing themselves) for the last time. Your generosity is unmatched!

Financially, we are still in a very stable and comfortable position, affording us the comfort of keeping the house safe and up-to-date without too much strain on the checkbook. As always, we were busy this summer making improvements and modifications to the house and its surroundings. Many thanks to the students for their help and cooperation during this time, and a huge thank you to all of our donors who made these efforts possible. I would like to extend another big thank you to Warren Meyer who graciously coordinated the majority of the update projects these last couple of years! Read on to find out more about what we accomplished during these previous summer months! If there are ideas or suggestions that you have for future upgrades or improvements, we'd love to hear from you!

To end on a serious note, on behalf of the House, our thoughts and prayers go out to alumni, family, and friends affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. We hope that everyone is safe and out of harm's way, and we wish you the best for a speedy recovery.

Cheers to the Babcock House and, as always,
ON, WISCONSIN!

Steward's report

Tate Hattervig, Babcock House steward

I would like to extend a thank you to all House alumni and donors who have contributed time, money, and effort toward the continuation of our House. With all of your help, we were able to complete a large number of projects during the summer to improve the safety and quality of living in Babcock House. We now have a new state-of-the-art fire alarm system that meets fire code regulations, a resurfaced parking lot and driveway, and a new storage shed. We also welcome Kizzy Allen, our new House cook. While it saddens us deeply to see Tiffany, our cook for the past 9 years, leave, we are also excited to see what Kizzy has in store for us. Once again, I would like to thank all of our alumni supporters for helping Babcock House live on.

President's report

Christina Rowntree, Babcock House president

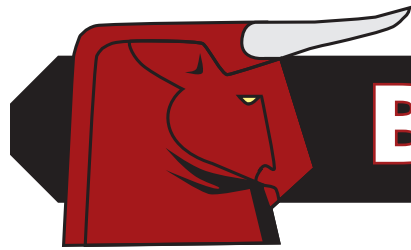
What a great time to be back at Babcock House! All House members are moved in and ready to tackle the academic year ahead. It was a pleasure to welcome all returning and new house members, and get to know them at our first House meeting.

The mission for the house this fall is to continue serving the community by participating in the Waunakee Food for Kids again. House members enjoy the camaraderie while at the table packaging meals for kids, along with giving back. With multiple new House members involved in the dairy industry, we expect that participation at World Dairy Expo will be better than ever! We will continue to use this opportunity to explore the opportunities within the dairy industry and network with former Babcockers.

Last year, our intermural sports participation fell, but this year we plan on bringing intermural sports back through volleyball or dodgeball. We have yet to achieve the goal of winning championship t-shirt, and hope that this year will be the year!

Speaking of bringing back participation, the House's tradition of playing croquet on Henry Mall is in the works. For the past three years, we have not upheld this tradition, and it is now being planned for this fall. We all are looking forward to it.

Homecoming is just around the corner, and everyone in the House is gearing up for another great annual meeting. We look forward to having the opportunity to connect with our alumni and hope to see you all there!



BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

Seeing each other once a year just isn't enough!

Save the date for a Babcock House summer reunion picnic! James Voss, Jeff Smoller and a group of other Babcock alums are coordinating a great get-together for all Babcockers. They would love to see members from the '50s and '60s and all the way to the newest alumni!

Here are the details:

Babcock House Summer 2018 Reunion Picnic

**Date: Saturday,
August 4, 2018**

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location: MackKenzie
Environmental Center in
Poynette, Wisconsin**

This venue is a great destination for the whole family. It is just off the Interstate and includes trails, animals and Wisconsin DNR nature exhibits. Learn more at dnr.wi.gov/education/mackenzie.

Stay tuned for more picnic details in our spring newsletter!

We have a new email address!

Need to get in touch with your Babcock House alumni friends? We have a new email address: babcockhousealumni@gmail.com. Please email us if you would like to receive your Babcock House newsletter electronically. You can save us a few bucks if you do!

Meet the new crew

A new crew of students is quickly embracing the House, the Home and the Tradition of Babcock. Put a face to these names and profiles at the upcoming Homecoming Annual Meeting!

Addison Arndt | Ontario, Wisconsin | Freshman | Agricultural business & theatre

Future plans: Work in agricultural law, dealing with natural resources and crop land management

"I'm so glad I picked Babcock to start my freshman year. I have a family to come home to every night that shares my passion for the industry I love so much. I can't wait for all the fun to come."

Victor Calimano | Queens, New York | Junior | Pure mathematics

Future plans: Do something math-related

"I chose Babcock for a few reasons: To build a sense of community, affordable housing, and get enough exercise to and from campus classes."

Cassidy Dabbs | Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin | Freshman | Dairy science

Future plans: Become a large animal vet

"I chose Babcock because I wanted to be with other students with similar majors. I love how welcoming all the House members are."

Jenna Langrehr | West Salem, Wisconsin | Freshman | Life sciences communication & dairy science

Future plans: Working in a form of ag journalism or become a classifier

"I chose Babcock because my cousin lived here before me (and is still living here this year). When I visited Madison for a college tour, she showed me around the House. It looked like a great opportunity to meet new people and instantly have connections while transitioning to the college lifestyle."

Luke Kastenson | Raymond, Wisconsin | Freshman | Biological systems engineering

Future plans: Make an impact on the industry that made me who I am

"I chose Babcock House because I felt that it would help me to adjust to living in Madison. I believe that Babcock House isn't just a house, it is a home away from home."

Haley Kniget | Brookfield, Wisconsin | Sophomore | Forestry

Future plans: Finish college and get a job with the U.S. Forestry Department

"I chose to live at Babcock because of the community aspect. I grew up in a house of six people, so I like bunking with others, sharing meals around a big table, and cramming into the living room to watch a movie."

Debbie Machuca | Chicago, Illinois | Sophomore | Dairy science & agricultural business

Future plans: Attend graduate school

"Being a social member last semester really opened my eyes to how close Babcock House really is as a community. Meeting people from distinct backgrounds with different interests really intrigued me. Despite the differences, Babcock House is indeed a family. I'm excited to spend the next three years living with people who want nothing more than to carry House traditions and make college as fun as possible."

Homecoming & Babcock House Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 21

9 a.m. | Annual Meeting

Recap of House financials, scholarship presentations, board election and tailgate meal

Parking available at the House for Babcock alumni

11 a.m. | Kickoff

UW Badgers take on the Terrapins of the University of Maryland

Park here!

Will you make the trip to campus this fall to cheer on our Wisconsin Badgers football team? If so, remember Babcock House is a convenient place to park. Just a few blocks from Camp Randall Stadium, you can celebrate game day like old times before kick-off. Parking is just \$15 per vehicle. See you at the game!

The most fun you'll have on any board

Here's a great way to have a big impact on the future of Babcock House: Serve on the Babcock House Alumni Board of Directors! The board meets about eight times each year in a casual setting at the House. Most meetings are preceded by a meal with the students. Members of the Board of Directors are elected at the Annual Meeting and serve five-year terms.

This year's elections will take place on Saturday, October 21 at 9 a.m. We have **two** spots to fill on the board this year.

Contact Shane Williams, Babcock House alumni president (shane.williams14@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about serving on the Babcock House Board of Directors.

Meet the new crew...continued

Jacob Nicholson | Hortonville, Wisconsin | Junior | General engineering

Future plans: Graduate with an engineering degree and get a business degree at some point

"I chose Babcock because I already had met people here previously since my sister lived here and a majority of them are from small town areas."

Jessica Noble | Burlington, Wisconsin | Freshman | Dairy science

Future plans: Become the first female owner of my family's dairy farm

"I chose to live at Babcock because, within the hustle and bustle of Madison, Babcock is the closest place to feel like home."

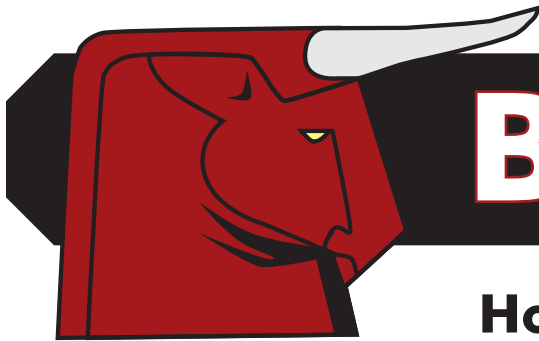
Kate Nuttleman | Bangor, Wisconsin | Freshman | Dairy science

Future plans: Return to the family farm

"I chose to live in Babcock because it has a family feel to it, and I liked the idea of living in a house with people that share similar interests and backgrounds."



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Homecoming is Saturday, October 21!

9 a.m. | Babcock House Annual Meeting
| Babcock House

Join us to see House updates, meet current students, congratulate the 2017 scholarship recipients, elect a new member to the board of directors, and cheer on Wisconsin with your fellow Babcock Alumni! Parking is free at the House for all alumni.

11 a.m. | Kick-off: Wisconsin Badgers
vs. Maryland Terrapins | Camp Randall Stadium

Get ready, Terrapins, because Bucky is ready for a great game! Cheer on the home team and help the UW Badgers record another Homecoming victory On, Wisconsin!

