



BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | February 2017



Meet the steward

*Tate Hattervig,
Babcock House steward*

Greetings, Babcockers! My name is Tate Hattervig and I am serving as steward for the 2017 spring and fall

semesters. I'll start off by mentioning my hometown of Howard, South Dakota. I like to think of it as my humble beginnings since it is a fairly small town with a population of 600 to 800 people and is surrounded by rural areas in all directions.

My reason for coming to UW-Madison is to seek a genetics degree with a certificate in computer science, since throughout high school I had a deep interest in biology and math. After obtaining an undergraduate degree in genetics, I would like to enter a Ph.D. program in genetics and lead research projects in the field of genetics. I am currently in my sophomore year and working at a research lab at the Wisconsin Energy Institute just a few blocks east of Babcock House. The lab focuses on building metabolic models of two bacteria - *R. sphaeroides*, and *R. palustris* - and using communities of bacteria to derive useful chemicals from stillage, a waste product left over from ethanol distillation. In my free time, I enjoy snowboarding, going to Badger hockey games, and, most of all, having good times with all of my housemates.

With the semester now in full swing, I am pleased to say that the new year has started smoothly. We are currently welcoming back former House member Nick Engen, but unfortunately, after last semester, we had to say goodbye to two graduating seniors - Travis Senn and Connor Moore. I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the house and encourage them to continue supporting us in the future. Donations go a long way in keeping the House safe and our standard of living high for current and incoming residents. We are currently working on updates related to fire code regulations, grounding all outlets in the House, and have many exciting upcoming projects planned for future improvements. Once again, thank you for all of your generosity over the years. On, Wisconsin!

Thank you to everyone who supported Babcock House in 2016 and contributed to House improvements and scholarships. You are the ones who ensure Babcock will be a House, a Home and a Tradition for many future Badgers! Find the full list of supporters in this newsletter. Thanks!

From your alumni president

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



It is an honor and privilege to serve the House as the alumni board of directors president for the coming year. Just as a new administration has recently taken to the White House in Washington D.C., the Babcock BOD is already working hard to continue the House's tradition of greatness! We've got a brand-new board member starting this year who will bring a fresh set of eyes and ideas back to the House. (You can learn more about him in this newsletter.)

As a group, the board is dedicated to keeping the House clean, safe, affordable, and attractive to new and current House members. Thanks to the financial generosity of our alumni and a House full of great students each semester, as well as smart spending and saving throughout the previous years, 2016 was no exception to that mission and we look to continue with improvements and upgrades in 2017. Projects under consideration include further electrical upgrades, driveway re-surfacing and a shed upgrade. Feedback from current and former House members is always welcomed, so if you have a project you would like us to consider, please let us know!

Now that we are moving into the second semester of the school year, it is time to focus our efforts even more on recruiting the next class of Babcockers. The House is losing another large group of seniors this year, but the students are hard at work already to make sure a fresh class is ready to move in next fall. Alumni are one of our greatest recruiting resources and quite often help us to find the best future House members, so if you know of anyone looking for a place to live next year, be sure to point them toward 1936 University Avenue!

In closing, a huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated not only money, but also their time toward the advancement of the House in 2016. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. Cheers to a prosperous and productive 2017 for all of our esteemed alumni, and best wishes to our great students as they navigate through the spring semester!



BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

President's report

Max Shenkenberg, Babcock House president



I would like to first give a special thanks to all of our generous donors this past year. Your contributions to the House fund as well as the Scholarship Foundation are greatly appreciated and will serve Babcockers well for years to come.

The spring semester holds many exciting things for our members as we try to finish out the academic year strong. We've planned a tubing trip at Cascade Mountain with AWA and AGR as a back-to-school event. As Valentine's Day swings around, it is our turn this year to have AWA over for dinner and our chef, Tiffany, was very gracious and agreed to prepare the extra meals. And finally, once the ground thaws and the snow clears, we plan to continue our absolute domination in our annual Babcock-AGR rivalry softball game after we beat them last year 21-5.

I want to conclude with one last showing of my gratitude to all Babcock House members past and present. It has been a wonderful experience living in the house the past four years and an absolute honor to serve as House president for the past two. Thank you all so much and On, Wisconsin!

We have a new board member

Andy Bernstein, Babcock House alumni secretary, class of '09



Hello! My name is Andy Bernstein, but you can call me Bernie. I graduated from UW in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. I currently work on campus as a change and incident manager with UW-Madison DoIT (Division of Information Technology).

I was a House member for three or four years and served as the social chair for two years. I only lived in the House for one semester due to studying abroad and internships, but I took advantage of the cooking as a chomper. I now live with my wife and two little girls (ages 3 and 1) in DeForest, Wisconsin. In my free time, I enjoy home-brewing and consuming beer. I joined the board to give back to the House that has given me so many great friends and memories.



Thank you for your generosity!

Aaron Wepner, Babcock House alumni treasurer, class of '07

Babcock House continues to provide quality, affordable housing for UW students as well as a place to call home with friends from diverse backgrounds and interests. That would not be possible without the generous support of our alumni. A huge thank you goes to all of our alumni who donated to House improvements and our scholarship funds in 2016!

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We would also like to note that many 2016 UW-Foundation scholarship fund donations were made in memory of these individuals: Dan Nusbaum, Katie Kennedy, Larry Skalitzky, Mark Sherry, Sherman Geib, Bernie Stanek and Dennis Kendall.

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Congratulations to Babcock scholarship recipients

By Dr. Dave Thomas, Babcock House faculty advisor, class of '71



Due to the continued generous donations from Babcock alumni and their families and friends to the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund in the UW Foundation,

we were able to award a record number of 10 scholarships totaling \$6,000 at the annual meeting in November.

Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000): **Alyssa Nuttleman**

Alyssa is a third-year house member majoring in dairy science from Bangor, Wisconsin. She has served as Babcock House secretary and as president of the Wisconsin Junior Guernsey Breeders Association.

Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000): **Max Shenkenberg**

Max is a fourth-year house member majoring in dairy science from Kansasville, Wisconsin. He has served as Babcock House recruiter and president, and worked at the UW Dairy Cattle Center and World Dairy Expo.

Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship (\$500): **Troy Valle**

Troy is a fourth-year house member majoring in entomology and microbiology from Germantown, Wisconsin. He is the immediate past Babcock House steward and completed a summer internship as a crop scout at the UW Arlington Agricultural Research Station.

Bob Van Liere Memorial Scholarship (\$500): **Connor Moore**

Connor is a three-year house member from Gratiot, Wisconsin who graduated in December 2016 in biological systems engineering. He served as the Babcock House recruiter and as president of the UW Student Chapter of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship in memory of Larry Skalitzy (\$500): **Charles Connolly**

Charles is a third-year house member from Montfort, Wisconsin majoring in biochemistry. He served as the Babcock House alumni coordinator, works at the UW Meats Lab, and has served as a UW College of Agricultural and Life Sciences student ambassador.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship in memory of Sherman Geib (\$500): **Christina Rowntree**

Christina is a third-year house member from Kansasville, Wisconsin majoring in agricultural business management. She has served as secretary and treasurer of Babcock House and is active in several campus clubs, including Saddle and Sirloin and Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship in memory of Robert Kramer (\$500): **Hannah Schwarzbach**

Hannah is a second-year house member majoring in animal science from Roscoe, Illinois. She served as Babcock House historian, worked at the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center on campus, and completed an internship with Seneca Foods Corporation.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship (\$500): **Rachel Perry**

Rachel is a second-year house member from Waupun, Wisconsin majoring in agronomy. She has served as Babcock House community service chair, an agronomy student corn research assistant, and a summer agronomy and safety intern at the UW Arlington Agricultural Research Station.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship (\$500): **Haley Kragness**

Haley is a second-year house member majoring in food science from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She has served as Babcock House chaplain and is a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club.

Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship (\$500): **Tate Hattervig**

Tate is a second-year house member from Howard, South Dakota majoring in genetics. Tate is a member of the Undergraduate Genetics Association and serves as the current steward of Babcock House.

New named scholarships

Two new named scholarships will be awarded annually in coming years. The Dan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship is made possible through the generous donations from the family and friends of alumnus Dan Nusbaum of De Pere, Wisconsin at the time of his untimely death in October 2016. The John and Helen Rossmiller Babcock House Scholarship will be awarded to a second-semester freshman student and is made possible through the generous gift from alumnus John Rossmiller and his wife, Helen, of Beavercreek, Ohio.

The Babcock House Alumni Board and the House residents are very appreciative of the gifts from alumni and family and friends of alumni that have made the scholarship program such a success. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the UW Foundation (Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund, Account No. 132040860) online at www.supportuw.org or through the mail to UW Foundation, 1848 University Ave., Madison, WI 53726-4545.

Scholarship photos online

We were proud to have the family members and friends of several of the scholarship sponsors at our annual meeting during Homecoming.



Visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BabcockHouse) to see photos of all the scholarship recipients.

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Help us bring in the new class of Babcockers!

A big group of upperclassmen at Babcock House provides outstanding leadership and engagement in House activities. That also means **we have eight spots to fill** when those upperclassmen graduate!

Do you know of a student who would be a great addition to Babcock House? If so, contact Nolan Barrette, Babcock House PR director, at nbarrette@wisc.edu and he can give you the details.

Check out this video and share it with the prospective students you know. See what Babcock House means to today's students.

NEW! Babcock House recruitment video
https://youtu.be/_aye5zAZPrI

