

# BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | May 2019

## From your alumni president

*Bernie Bernstein, Babcock House alumni president, class of '09*

Fellow Babcockers,

It's my pleasure to report that the House is still standing, nearly full for next year, and being enjoyed by its current residents - so much so that we have 15 House members returning for next year. Throughout the upcoming summer, we plan to do some improvements to the kitchen, including improving lighting. These kids must be better cooks than I was in college; I didn't need much light to microwave ramen noodles.

As the board reviewed our student survey, we have learned that our students want to improve the relationships they have with alumni. Their initial thought is to engage with alumni to help with the transition to the professional world after college. While they figure out the details of exactly what that might look like, I wanted to bring it to your attention. And, if you have any ideas or opportunities you would like to share with the students, please let our steward, Addison Arndt ([ajarndt2@wisc.edu](mailto:ajarndt2@wisc.edu)), know.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you who have donated so generously to the House. I know we will again give a record amount of scholarships and we can't do it without your support.

**Thank you to everyone who supported Babcock House in 2018 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. Thank you!**

## From the steward

*Addison Arndt, Babcock House steward*

Greetings, Babcockers!

My name is Addison Arndt and I'll be serving as Steward for the 2019 spring and fall semesters. I hail from southwest Wisconsin outside the small town of Ontario. Though we moved off our family farm in 2008, I continued to be impacted by the agriculture present all around us.

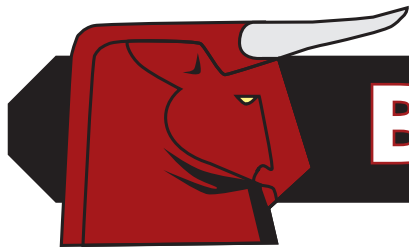
Knowing that I've wanted to attend UW-Madison since the first grade, my acceptance and receiving of a recruitment letter at Babcock House made my dream possible for the last two years. I have enjoyed my education here at the University of Wisconsin, studying agricultural business management with certificates in sustainability and religious studies. Upon graduation, I hope to either pursue a graduate degree in agroecology here at UW or start a career working with sustainable agriculture. In addition to my work at the House, I keep myself busy as a Faith and Vocation Fellow through Luther Memorial Church. I lead the middle and high school youth groups while sitting on the Faith and Family Ministry Team and Church Council. In my free time, I'm an active member of Collegiate Farm Bureau and the National Agri-Marketing Association on campus.

We've had a wonderful semester so far with the House pulling through the Polar Vortex unscathed. After some fun final hours, our commercial refrigerator and microwave said their last goodbyes. In addition to their replacements, our chef, Kizzy, and I have been in the process of upgrading our thoroughly loved utensils and appliances. With the addition of an air fryer and a high-capacity rice cooker, we are excited for another great semester of even better food!

As the weather warms up, we've put a renewed effort into sprucing up the lot and are looking forward to the addition of some landscaping. This summer, we are looking into redoing some plaster as well as redoing the kitchen ceiling to spruce it up and improve lighting.

I would like to personally thank the individuals who continue to support daily life and large improvements here at the House through donations. Our house, our home, and our tradition would not be possible without your continued support.





# BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

## Thank you for supporting our students!

Scott Rowntree, Babcock House alumni treasurer, class of '10

A huge thank you to all of the individuals who donated to Babcock House in 2018 to support scholarships and house improvements. Your gifts last year helped to make Babcock House a home for the student residents and supported them financially on their academic journeys. We are looking forward to a great 2019!

Liz Binversie	Robert Hanson	C. Knigge	Russell Rindsig	David Thomas
Carl & Shirley Daniels	Michael Hoover	Craig Kohn	John Rossmiller	Douglas Traastad
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	Coleen Kennedy	Myron Radke	Lee Swan	Kenneth Zeier
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*We sincerely apologize if we have unintentionally missed any 2018 donors in this list. If your name is not listed and should be, please let us know by emailing [babcockhousealumni@gmail.com](mailto:babcockhousealumni@gmail.com) so we can include your name in the next newsletter. Thank you for your contributions!*

## President's report

Tyler Vande Wattering, Babcock House president

I want to begin by thanking all of this year's generous donors. We could not function as a House without your support. Know that it is deeply appreciated. House members are thrilled as even more support becomes available with our increasing scholarship fund!

With an increased interest by House members to get involved in and around campus, we've been working closely as an executive board to make that happen. Particularly, we've enjoyed being a part of many activities with the Association of Women in Agriculture across the street and look forward to that mutually beneficial relationship moving forward. Most notably, members spent the morning packaging meals at AWA's Rally to Fight Hunger. We had a great time packing arguably the largest percentage of the 28,100 meals packaged that day!

We look forward to finishing out the semester with many nights on the porch and good times with friends. It has been a true honor serving as president over the past year. Thank you all for making this house my home. On, Wisconsin!

## Meet our new board member

Bailey Quam, Babcock House alumni secretary, class of '12

Hello fellow Babcockers! I graduated from UW in December 2012 with a degree in life sciences communications. Since graduation, I have been with the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. Originally from Lodi, I grew up on my family's Angus cattle farm, Marda Angus Farms, and am still involved in the operation today. Currently, my boyfriend, Ike, and I live on a farmette outside Poynette with our pack of pets and cattle.

During college, I lived in the house for two years and was later a social member. I credit the House and the people I lived with for helping to navigate the challenges of school while also creating great memories. Through my position on the board, I look forward to helping the House that gave me so much. On, Wisconsin!



## New named scholarship starting in 2019

The Les and Ellen Huber Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded annually starting in 2019.

Les Huber graduated from high school in 1942 in Medford, Wisconsin, and his parents had only elementary school educations. He grew up on a small farm without electricity or running water. He was active in 4-H and FFA, and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1945 to 1949. Les lived all four years in the original Babcock House, earned a B.S. degree in agricultural education, and later earned an M.S. degree in agricultural economics. He spent 30 years as a UW-Extension agent in Green, Marathon, Dodge and Jefferson Counties in Wisconsin. After retiring in 1984, he became a Christmas tree grower and retailer, and finally retired from that business at the age of 90. Les died in 2018.

The scholarship is in memory of Les and his wife, Ellen, and is made possible through gifts from the estate of Leslie Huber and from Greg Huber, a son of Les and Ellen, to the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund at the UW Foundation. Preference in awarding the scholarship will be given to House residents whose parents did not attend a four-year college.

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## Babcock Alumni award record number of scholarships in 2018

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

Scholarships totaling \$7,500 were awarded to 10 House residents at the 2018 Babcock House Alumni Annual Meeting on October 19. Individual scholarships ranged from \$600 to \$1,300.

The following six named scholarships are awarded annually from income generated through significant donations made by family and friends to the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund endowment at the UW Foundation.

The **Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Haley Kragness** from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. This is Haley's fourth year in Babcock House, and she is majoring in animal science with an ag business and management certificate. She has served as House recruiter.

**Tyler Vande Wetering**, majoring in dairy science with an ag business and management certificate, was the recipient of the **Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship**. Tyler is from Greenleaf, Wisconsin, serves as House president, and is a three-year House resident.

**Addison Arndt**, current House steward, received the **Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship**. Tyler is from Ontario, Wisconsin and is majoring in agricultural business management. This is Addison's second year in the House.

The **Bob Van Liere Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Haley Knight** from Brookfield, Wisconsin. Haley has served as House chaplain and is a two-year House resident. She is majoring in forestry and life sciences communication.

The **Dan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Kate Nuttleman** from Bangor, Wisconsin. This is Kate's second year in the House. She has served as the House alumni director and is majoring in dairy science.

**Jessica Noble** received the **John and Helen Rossmiller Babcock House Scholarship**, which is awarded to an outstanding freshman. Jessica is from Burlington, Wisconsin, is a second-year resident, and has served as the House apparel chair.

The following two scholarships were awarded in 2018 from income generated from the general Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund endowment at the UW Foundation to honor significant accomplishments of House alumni and friends.

The **Shirley Daniels Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Jenna Langrehr** from Salem, Wisconsin. The scholarship was given in recognition of the longtime support of Carl and Shirley Daniels for the Daniels Loan Fund, established in memory of their son, Doug, who was a House resident. Shirley died in 2018. Jenna is a two-year House resident majoring in life sciences communication and dairy science. She currently serves as House recruiter.

The **Randal Craig Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Tate Hattervig** in memory of Randal Craig, a House alumnus who died in 2018. Tate is from Howard, South Dakota, a four-year House resident, and the immediate-past House steward.

The following Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarships are awarded annually from income generated from the generous donations made by the many alumni and friends of Babcock House on a continuous basis to the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund endowment at the UW Foundation. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of income generated from the fund.

**Isaac Brahm** from Waterford, Wisconsin received a **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Isaac is a three-year House resident majoring in engineering mechanics and astronautics. Isaac has served as the House athletic and social chair.

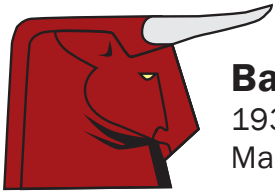
**Ben Rozum**, a three-year House resident, received a **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Ben is from Manitowoc, Wisconsin, majors in food science, and has served as House vice president.

*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](http://www.supportuw.org/give) or through the mail to UW Foundation, 1848 University Ave., Madison, WI 53726-4545.*

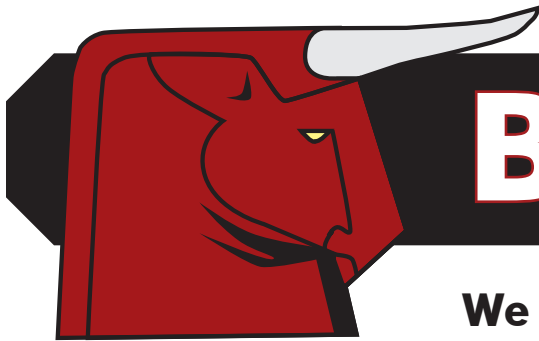
*Visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BabcockHouse](http://www.facebook.com/BabcockHouse)) for photos of scholarship recipients and donors.*



2018 scholarship recipients are, left to right: Tate Hattervig, Isaac Brahm, Tyler Vande Wetering, Jenna Langrehr, Addison Arndt, Jessica Noble, Haley Knight, Haley Kragness and Katherine Nuttleman.



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# BABCOCK HOUSE

**We have room for a couple more Babcockers!**

2019-2020 recruitment efforts are going well, but we can still use your help!

Babcock House has two spots to fill for the upcoming academic year.

Do you know of a student who would be a great addition to Babcock House? If so, contact Jenna Langrehr, Babcock House PR director at [jangrehr@wisc.edu](mailto:jangrehr@wisc.edu) and she can give you the 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.

Also check out Babcock House's Instagram (@babcock\_house) where prospective students (as well as yourself) can follow what service, social and sporting events Babcock House is participating in!

**Babcock House recruitment video**

[https://youtu.be/\\_aye5zAZPrI](https://youtu.be/_aye5zAZPrI)

