



BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | May 2020

From the alumni president

Doug Ney, Babcock House alumni president, class of '95

Fellow Babcock Nation – We hope this letter finds all alumni, friends, and family safe and healthy.

All are experiencing a unique situation in our current environments at home, in our community, on campus, in our state and in our nation with the pandemic of COVID-19 at hand. With the spring semester moved to online, the board had an ad hoc meeting and students were provided the opportunity to waive their leases on April 1, 2020.

We can report the House is in great condition and only minor repairs were needed in fall 2019 with updates to a smart thermostat and oven and sanitizer repair. House morale, house activity and campus involvement are at unprecedented levels with a great student leadership team at Babcock.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we were thankful and excited to say we had a full House. We currently have 20 signed leases for fall 2020 (13 men and seven women). We're waiting on two leases to be returned, which leaves at least two spots open. Please spread the word!

Keep the donations to the House coming in and thank you to all who have contributed! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting. UW Homecoming is scheduled for October 31 - wear your best costume!

Finally, remember to get out and vote on November 3!



Thank you

to everyone who supported Babcock House in 2019 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 on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thank you!

From the steward

Blake Johnson, Babcock House steward



My name is Blake Johnson and I am succeeding Addison Arndt as the House steward. My hometown is Blair, on the western side of Wisconsin, where I live and work on my family's sheep operation. Growing up, my entire livelihood revolved around animal agriculture with work experience in the sheep, beef, and dairy industries. This background led me to begin my college experience

at UW-Madison with a major in animal science. Outside of class and House activities, I am also an active member of Collegiate Farm Bureau and the Saddle and Sirloin club. In my free time, I enjoy working out, hunting, fishing and judging livestock.

The beginning of the semester passed uneventfully with the appliances being the only things needing repair or attention.

All was resolved through the purchase of a new icemaker and knob for the oven. With the current restrictions the state is under, no new improvements will take place until allowed. That considered, this summer we plan to update the rooms and add new dressers and desks where needed as well as install a security system and cameras outside of the House. These improvements for the House and the betterment of life inside it are possible through your generosity and support for which I am grateful.

I am honored to have been selected to serve as steward and look forward to working alongside all alumni and House members. If you have any questions or just want to say hello, feel free to contact me at brjohnson9@wisc.edu.





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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 2019 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 would also like to thank those who supported Babcock House with cash donations, time and service during 2019.

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We sincerely apologize if we have unintentionally missed any 2019 donors in this list. If your name is not listed and should be, please let us know by emailing babcockhousealumni@gmail.com so we can include your name in the next newsletter. Thank you for your contributions!

House president's report

Kate Nuttleman, Babcock House president

Hello everyone! We had a great start to the semester! Through the month of February, we were busy with many events involving AWA. In early February, we went snow tubing at Cascade Mountain. The two Houses were able to spend some quality time together tubing with an obvious Culver's run to end the night. We also participated in Rally to Fight Hunger where we packaged around 21,000 meals! Our last event we had in February was the Valentine's dinner. AWA was happy to host this year and we ate a delicious chicken alfredo meal. Aside from our scheduled events, there is always something happening in the House.

Spring semester is always a fun time in the House because the weather is warming, and we are all excited to start grilling and hanging out on the porch. Unfortunately, our spring semester together was cut short this year because of COVID-19. We had to cancel our green tie, formal and wine supper. We are sad that our seniors didn't get a proper goodbye, but we hope to get together during the summer to celebrate everything they've done for the House. I, along with everyone at Babcock House, hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this time.

Nuttleman and fellow House members traveled to California with the Collegiate Farm Bureau earlier in the semester. Left to right: Josh Gerbitz, Anna Hinchley, Olivia Spaight, Kate Nuttleman, Jenna Langrehr and Jessica Noble.



Meet our new board member

Brian Rowntree, Babcock House alumni treasurer-elect, class of '13

Greetings fellow Babcockers! My name is Bryan Rowntree and I am the newest member of the Babcock alumni board of directors, assuming the role of treasurer. I grew up in Waterford, Wisconsin, and attended UW-Madison from 2009 to 2013, living at Babcock all four years. During college, I was an active member of the House, serving as Steward in 2012. I graduated with a degree in biological systems engineering and have been working at Kuhn North America in Brodhead, Wisconsin, for the past seven years.

Outside of work, I enjoy helping on the family farm, woodworking, biking and snowmobiling.

I can attribute many of my friendships, skills and experiences to my time at Babcock. As a member of the board, I look forward to serving the House, its students, and the alumni in order to give back to an organization that gave me so much. On, Wisconsin!



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Babcock alumni award record 13 scholarships to students

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

Due to the generous donations from Babcock House alumni and their spouses, family, and friends, scholarships totaling \$8,825 were awarded to 13 House residents at the annual meeting of Babcock House Corporation on October 12, 2019. This was the greatest number of scholarships ever awarded.

These scholarships are made possible through the spendable income generated from the Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund in the UW Foundation. This is an endowment account where none of the principal (i.e., your donation) is ever used, but the vast majority of the return generated from the investment of the principal each year is available for scholarships. For the past several years, 4.5% of the principal has been returned to us.

Following are the recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Kate Nuttleman received the \$1,000 **Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship**. Kate is a junior from a dairy and swine farm near Bangor, Wisconsin, majoring in dairy science and has lived in the House for three years. She is the current House president, has worked at the UW Large Animal Hospital, and hopes to work in the dairy industry or return to the family farm upon graduation in 2021.

Jenna Langrehr received the \$1,500 **Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship**. Jenna was a member of the 2018 UW-Madison Dairy Judging Team and is a junior majoring in dairy science and life sciences communication. She has lived in the House for three years and is from a dairy farm near West Salem, Wisconsin. She is the current student recruiter for the House and hopes to have a position in the dairy communications industry upon graduation in 2021.

Addison Arndt received the \$500 **Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship**. Addison is the current Babcock House steward and has been a resident for three years. He is from a farm near Ontario, Wisconsin, and is majoring in agricultural business management. After graduating in May 2020, he plans to apply for the graduate program in agroecology at UW-Madison with future plans to attend seminary to become an ordained pastor.

Anna Hinchley received the \$500 **Bob Van Liere Memorial Scholarship**. Anna is a two-year House resident from a dairy farm near Cambridge, Wisconsin. She is majoring in dairy science with certificates in global health and ag business management. She has served as the House athletic chair, interned at the Wisconsin State Fair Milk House, and plans to return

to the family dairy and crop farm upon graduation in May 2020.

Haley Kragness received the \$500 **Dan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship**. Haley is a fifth-year senior and has lived in the House all five years. She is majoring in animal sciences with an ag business management certificate and was a member of the UW-Madison Meat Animal Evaluation Team. Haley is from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, has served as the House student recruiter, and plans to attend graduate school in animal sciences upon graduation in May 2020.

Seth Rocha received the \$825 John and Helen Rossmiller Babcock House Scholarship. Seth is a biochemistry major from Oak Creek, Wisconsin, and has lived in the House for two years. He has served as the House athletic and social chairs. Upon graduation in 2022, he hopes to work for a laboratory-based agricultural company using his biochemical training.

Jessica Noble received our newest named scholarship awarded for the first time this year in the amount of \$1,000 - the **Les and Ellen Huber Memorial Scholarship** made possible through donations from the Les Huber estate (Les was a House resident '45-'49) and his son, Gregory. Jessica is a three-year House resident from a dairy farm

near Burlington, Wisconsin. She was Wisconsin's Miss Agriculture USA in 2019 and is a current CALS Ambassador. She plans to return to the family farm upon graduation in 2021.

Will McKinley received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Will is a two-year House resident majoring in genetics and English from Lakeville, Minnesota. He has served as House chaplain and CALS student council representative. After graduation in 2021, he would like to work at a health facility in genetic counseling, but graduate studies in genetics may also be in his future.

Haley Knight received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Haley is from Brookfield, Wisconsin, with majors in forestry and life sciences communication and a three-year House resident. She has served as the House vice president and as secretary of the UW-Madison Forestry Club. She would like to work as a forester with the Wisconsin DNR upon graduation in May 2020.

Joseph Nicholson received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Joseph is from Hortonville, Wisconsin, and has lived in the House for two years. He traveled to New Zealand for a study

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abroad program this spring. He is a nursing major with a criminal justice certificate. He is a member of the Aspiring Nurses Association and hopes to work as an emergency room nurse upon graduation in 2023.

Paul Connolly received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Paul is a genetics major from Montfort, Wisconsin, and a two-year resident of the House. Paul has served as the House service chair and participated in several of the House service projects.

After graduation in 2022, he hopes to work as a genetic counselor or animal geneticist or continue his education in the Pharmacy School.

Josh Gerbitz received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Josh is a dairy science major with an ag business management certificate. He has lived in the House for two years, is from a dairy farm near Milton, Wisconsin, and has worked at the UW-Madison Dairy Cattle Center. He has served as the House chaplain and CALS student

council representative. Upon graduation in 2022, he hopes to work as a dairy farm manager and, after further education, work for a dairy industry company.

Ben Rozum received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Ben is from Manitowoc, Wisconsin, has lived in the House three and a half years, and is an animal sciences and life sciences communication major. He has served as House vice president, is a member of the Badger Meat Science Club, and has worked at the UW-Madison Meat Science Lab. He will

most likely enter the job market in the meat or food industries upon graduation in 2021, but continued education in his field of interest may also be an option.

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 or through the mail to UW Foundation, 1848 University Ave., Madison, WI 53726-4545 (please include the Babcock account number with your mail-in donation).

The 'beef guy' has retired

The "beef guy" – aka Dan "Sunshine" Schaefer – retired December 31 after a 40-year career in the Animal Sciences Department at UW-Madison.

Dan was raised on a farm near Kewaskum, Wisconsin. His parents, Ray and Agnes Schaefer, raised beef cattle, hogs, and layers. In his junior year, Dan transferred from Bethany Lutheran College to UW-Madison. Upon encouragement from Jerry "Skippy" Huth, he joined Babcock House as a chomper in fall 1971 when Allen "BooBoo" Kohn was steward, and continued until May 1974. During that time, he earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in meat and animal science.

After earning a Ph.D. in nutritional sciences at the University of Illinois in 1979, he became an assistant professor at Purdue University. But, in 1981, he was recruited to return to meat and animal science at UW-Madison; he remained there until his retirement. Upon his return to Madison in July 1981, he lived in Babcock House, awaiting his family's arrival and house closing. Tom Peters was steward at the time.

Schaefer conducted beef cattle and beef quality research projects and taught rumen microbiology to graduate students his entire career. He also taught animal science classes to undergraduates and Short Course students, mainly on beef cattle production topics.



Schaefer served as chairman of the Animal Sciences Department for 15 years, interim associate CALS dean for 16 months, and Babcock House faculty advisor from 1990 to 1995 and 1999 to 2005.

One of the most gratifying aspects of his career has been his involvement in the planning and construction of the UW Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building. Construction of the new facility is to be completed by September 1, 2020 at a cost of \$57 million.

A full article in Agri-View on Dan's retirement and career can be found at https://www.agupdate.com/agriview/news/business/beef-guy-retires-after-40-years/article_19511ec1-31d4-5486-ad98-b2cb09354db6.html.

Photos from www.agupdate.com.

Thomas receives CALS Distinguished Service Award



Dave Thomas received the Distinguished Service Award from the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) at its annual Honorary Recognition banquet on October 17, 2019. This is the highest honor bestowed by the college to a faculty or staff member. Dave was a Babcock House resident from '67 to '71, the '70-'71 steward, and currently serves as faculty advisor to the House.

He began and completed his professional career at UW-Madison. Having an interest in sheep for as long as he can remember, Thomas majored in meat and animal science as an undergraduate and went on to the Peace Corps, where he held animal production roles in Kenya. Upon returning to the United

States, Thomas enrolled in graduate school at Oklahoma State University, where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in animal breeding and genetics.

After serving on the faculties at Oregon State University and the University of Illinois, Thomas returned to his home state of Wisconsin in '91, and he would remain on the faculty at CALS until his retirement in 2017. During his tenure, he became one of the most sought-after sheep experts in the world, making significant discoveries that would positively impact the sheep industry. His influence is expansive, beginning close to home in Wisconsin and spreading as far as New Zealand. Research projects, academic conferences and visits to research institutions have brought Thomas to nearly 30 countries. At UW, Thomas was a respected mentor, excellent teacher, and prolific researcher. Thomas grew up in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and is the eldest of four sons of the late Jack and Elaine Thomas. He and his wife, Lynda, have three children and eight grandchildren.

Quam Family of Marda Angus Farms recognized as Wisconsin Cattlemen of the Year

Marda Angus Farms, Lodi, was named the 2020 Cattlemen of the Year at the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association (WCA) Winter Conference. The annual award recognized the Quam family for its extensive involvement in Wisconsin's beef industry and continued dedication to the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association.

The foundation of the cow herd at Marda Angus began in 1940 when Dave Quam bought his first Angus female as a 4-H project. Marda Angus currently runs 170 purebred Angus cows, along with 900 acres of crop ground.

Three generations of Quam family members remain actively involved in the farm. Marjorie Quam currently lives on the farm and assists with chores daily. Marjorie's son, Terry, has chaired the WCA legislative committee

for nearly 20 years and served as both president and past president of the WCA Board of Directors. Terry was recently selected to represent Wisconsin on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, and currently chairs the UW Discovery Farms Steering Committee.

Terry's wife, Ardel, currently works as the compliance and office manager for the Wisconsin Beef Council, is past president of the World Beef Expo, and will be retiring this year as secretary of the Wisconsin Angus Association after 40 years.

Children Cody, Brady, and Bailey

all own cattle and assist with day-to-day operations.

Each year, Marda Angus willingly hosts visitors from around the world. Prior to

COVID-19, the farm was planned to be one of the stops for the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association Summer Tour.



Photo courtesy of Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association. Left to right: Bailey Quam, David Schultz, Terry Quam, Ardel Quam, Tracy Quam (holding Levi), Marjorie Quam, Cody Quam and Eric Johnson, WCA Past President. Quam Family Babcock Alumni: Gary '76; Terry '78; Bailey '12.



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Know a good future Babcocker?

Recruitment efforts are going well, but we can still use your help!

Do you know of a student who would be a great addition to Babcock House? If so, contact Blake Johnson, Babcock House steward, at brjohnson9@wisc.edu he 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!



Wanted: A good cook!

Babcock House is seeking a House cook for its 24-member student-run cooperative. This employee is charged with keeping House members well-fed for their college experience at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, preparing eight meals a week for students to finish cooking and serve. An ideal candidate for this part-time position will have experience in cooking for large crowds and enjoy working with college-aged students. Contact Blake Johnson, Babcock House steward, at brjohnson9@wisc.edu to learn more. To apply, email a cover letter and resume to Blake. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Cheese!

In celebration of National Dairy Month in June, enjoy this cheesy word find. *Words may be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.*

- Asiago
- Bleu Cheese
- Brick
- Brie
- Butterkase
- Cheddar
- Cheese Curds
- Colby
- Feta
- Gorgonzola
- Gouda
- Havarti
- Limburger
- Mozzarella
- Muenster
- Parmesan
- Pepper Jack
- Provolone
- Romano
- Swiss

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