

BABCOCK HOUSE

Alumni Newsletter | March 2021

From the alumni president

Brian Bradley, Babcock House alumni president, class of '10

At the end of this dark winter comes the hope of a spring filled with renewed gratitude. This pandemic has affected us all in different ways – but I am struck by how adept our students have been at adapting Babcock House to these unique times. The students deserve praise for their sacrifice and willingness to work together to keep Babcock House safe for all.

The Alumni Board remains dedicated to keeping Babcock House an affordable and enjoyable place for students to live, study, and thrive. The financial value that Babcock House provides cannot be beat – and it is our charge as alumni to ensure it remains that way. In an age of abundant student debt, I am proud that Babcock House remains a bastion of affordable housing on campus. Consider sending Babcock House your financial support.

I look forward to seeing you all in the flesh - with the vaccine coursing through my veins - at the next Homecoming meeting. First beer is on me. On, Wisconsin!

Thank you

to everyone who supported Babcock House in 2020 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!

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Thank you!

From the House president

Kate Nuttleman, Babcock House president

Hello all! My name is Kate Nuttleman, and I am serving my second term as the House president this year. With the majority of our classes going virtual, the learning curve impacted us all when we got back to Madison. We worked hard to implement a COVID-19 protocol to keep House members safe and have been successful thus far.

Though events have to look a little different, we've done our best to remain creative and keep the majority of our House events while having to slightly modify them. We had our first-ever virtual homecoming this past October with many people in attendance. Thanks to those of you who attended!

We've been keeping busy with in-house social events and have enjoyed the chance to get to know each other better. Some highlights have included PowerPoint nights, movie nights, game nights and many others. Even though my senior year has looked different, I am eternally grateful to have served as House president for the last two years. I am who I am because of Babcock House, and I will miss it greatly when I leave. Babcock House truly is - and forever will be - a House, a Home and a Tradition.

From the House steward

Blake Johnson, Babcock House steward

It has been a great first semester as the House steward. Learning the ropes of the position in the spring 2020 semester was interrupted due to reasons we are all familiar with and has thus resulted in a steep learning curve. However, the transition between Addison and myself went seamlessly and brought some important updates to the House, such as repairs to portions of the stove and range alongside the replacement of the dish sanitizer. Another internal update was the installation of a smart thermostat system. External updates included a new motion security light in the parking lot, updated sections of the downspout, and the beginning of installation of security cameras.

The House executive officers have also been vital to the functions of the House. Our president, Kate Nuttleman, should be recognized for her unwavering leadership and strong guidance during these times. In addition, I would like to give a shout-out to all of our senior members - Kate Nuttleman, Jenna Langrehr, Ben Rozum and Jessica Noble - for serving as role models not only to myself, but also other House members as we begin to take on leadership roles within the House. Credit for a great fall semester should also be given to the House members for their cooperation with campus restrictions and our need to adjust accordingly as a House.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation on behalf of the entire house to all alumni and board of director members. The ability for the House to exist and to function in its full capacity is kept possible by the continuing passion for the House held by former Babcockers. The donations and support go far from unnoticed.



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Thank you for supporting our students!

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

A huge thank you to all of the individuals who donated to Babcock House in 2020 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 2020.

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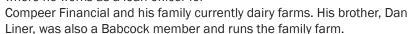
We sincerely apologize if we have unintentionally missed any 2020 donors in this list. If your name is not listed and should be, please let us know by emailing **babcockhousealumni@gmail.com** so we can include your name in the next newsletter. Thank you for your contributions!

Meet our new board member

Jeff Liner, class of '95

Jeff Liner is the newest member of the Babcock House board of directors. He was a student and Babcock House member from 1991 to 1995. He earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science.

Jeff hails from Van Dyne, Wisconsin, a small town just north of Fond du Lac, where he works as a loan officer for



Jeff has two sons: Patrick, 10, and Trevor, 7. He stays active in the Fond du Lac community as a member and past-president of the Fond du Lac Agri-Business Council. The council has a mission of educating and connecting the community to the impact and importance of agriculture. One of its most important initiatives is the Agricultural Ambassador Program, which currently has two full-time staff who go into local grade schools to present ag programming. Jeff is also an active member of Hope Lutheran Church, where he serves on the board of trustees.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoys doing home improvement and remodeling projects. He also enjoys traveling and looks forward to getting back to that when COVID-19 calms down. The photo above was taken in January 2020 in Israel... just before the lock-down!

He is excited about the opportunity to serve Babcock House and give back to a place that holds a lot of good memories for him. If you want to connect with Jeff, give him a call at 920.948.5971.



Meet the students

Jenna Langrehr, senior, 4-year House member

Major: Dairy science/life sciences communication

Hometown: West Salem, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Showing cows, photographing my

animals and the farming lifestyle

Future plans: Become an advocate for the agriculture industry and make my own hobby farm into a business.

When I was in high school, I was rather shy and didn't really like the idea of change. Babcock was a great way to transition into the college lifestyle because it provided me a comfortable environment to come home to every night and be with people with similar interests and backgrounds as me.

Jessica Noble, senior, 4-year House member

Major: Dairy science

Hometown: Burlington, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Tractor pulling

Future plans: Become the first female owner of my

family's dairy farm

I come from a sixth-generation dairy farm in the Burlington area, where I have a Waterford phone number, Burlington address and live in the town of Dover (or the edge of most things). I chose to live at Babcock House because, within the hustle and bustle of Madison, Babcock is the closest place to feel like home.

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Kate Nuttleman, senior, 4-year House member

Major: Dairy science with ag business certificate

Hometown: Bangor, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Showing dairy cattle and reading

Future plans: Return to the family farm

I grew up working on my family's dairy and swine operation. Our family-operated farm has a herd of 160 registered Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey cows. In addition, we have roughly 60 sows. 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.

Benjamin Rozum, senior, 5-year House member

Major: Animal science Hometown: Cato, Wisconsin Favorite hobby: Golfing

Will McKinley, senior, 3-year House member

Major: Genetics and English **Hometown:** Lakeville, Minnesota

Favorite hobby: Reading

Future plans: Research or genetic counseling

I'm a Minnesotan, and since there isn't 100% reciprocity, going to Madison would have been pretty expensive with a regular student housing contract. The low rent at Babcock House is what allows me to pursue my education at such a great school!

Billy Zeimet, junior, 2-year House member

Major: Dairy science

Hometown: Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Milking cows and turning wrenches **Future plans:** I am going to become a partner on a neighbor's dairy farm where we currently milk around 100 Holstein cows.

I grew up on a hobby farm in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Since I was 12 years old, I have worked for a neighbor, helping with anything that needed to be done around the farm. Farming is in my blood and I am determined to make my dream of being a dairy farmer into a reality!

Ethan Heinrichs, junior, 2-year House member

Major: Animal science

Hometown: Lake Elmo, Minnesota **Favorite hobby:** Reading a good book

Future plans: Veterinarian

I grew up in the city, but love spending time on my grandparents' farm in lowa. I heard about Babcock House during my freshman year and decided to check it out. I visited the House and knew immediately it would be a fun place to live where I could meet people with similar interests.

Seth Rocha, junior, 3-year House member

Major: Biochemistry

Hometown: Oak Creek, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Working out

Future plans: I want to get a good job.

I really like to run and work out. I chose Babcock because it was a lot cheaper than living in the dorms. I also liked how we would get prepped meals.

Paul Connolly, junior, 3-year House member

Major: Genetics

Hometown: Montfort, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Running

Future plans: Possibly become a PA or pharmacist

My brother also lived here during his time in Madison and he recommended this place to me. When I decided to go to Madison, I looked into it further and saw just how much more cost-efficient it was to live here.

Josh Gerbitz, junior, 3-year House member

Major: Dairy science

Hometown: Milton, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Showing dairy cattle

Future plans: Pursue a career in the dairy industry

Although my family stopped farming before I was born, I have always been interested in the dairy industry. Growing up, I tried to stay involved in dairy through the Holstein Association and 4-H. Through those activities, I started working on farms, which helped me gain a further interest in the industry and led me to UW-Madison. Once I was on campus, Babcock quickly became home for me.

Joe Nicholson, junior, 3-year House member

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Hortonville, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Dungeons and Dragons

Future plans: Emergency medicine and Doctors Without Borders

I'm kind of quirky! I like to talk and be friendly. I read a lot. I'm interested in fantasy and anything gaming-related. I also enjoy intelligent debates and love listening to people talk about their passions - always something new to learn! I chose Babcock because my siblings both loved it and it helped me out financially.

Ivan Trautsch, junior, 3-year House member

Major: Computer science

Hometown: Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Hanging out with friends **Future plans:** Get a good job that pays well

I like video games and making music.



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Meet the students (continued from page 3)

Zach Wiegel, sophomore, 2-year House member

Major: Agricultural business management **Hometown:** Shullsburg, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: ATVing

Future pans: I plan to obtain my degree in ag business from UW-Madison and obtain a job relating to agricultural sales.

Throughout my time spent in high school, I was a very active FFA member. After traveling all over for many conferences, trips, and speaking competitions, I quickly discovered that UW-Madison was the place for me. I strongly believe that your choice in housing is a huge factor that goes hand-in-hand with your college experience. I first heard about Babcock from my agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor, Mrs. Jennifer Russell. She notified me that the House was still looking for a few individuals to fill the house for the 2019-20 school year about halfway through my senior year at Shullsburg. After some online research and one quick visit to the House, I knew I would be proud to be able to call Babcock home. The meals are great, the members are supportive, and just the overall community feeling of the House is unbeatable. Babcock is also very affordable, which was another factor in my decision.

Kirstin Novak, sophomore, 2-year House member

Major: Agricultural business management

Hometown: Sullivan, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Skiing

Future plans: Currently, I do not know where my degree will lead me, but with my background, I know I will end up somewhere in the agricultural industry.

I grew up on a grain and produce farm where we grow pumpkins, gourds, and squash. I enjoy spending most of my time outside. My dad lived at Babcock House when he was at UW-Madison, so I thought I'd follow in his footsteps.

Daniel Neerdaels, sophomore, 2-year House member

Major: Mechanical engineering **Hometown:** Wrightstown, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Playing soccer

Future plans: Graduate and get a good job

Babcock is a much more affordable option and it helps make the campus feel a little smaller and more like a home.

Blake Johnson, sophomore, 2-year House member

Major: Life sciences communication

Hometown: Blair. Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Showing sheep and running

Future plans: Raise club lambs and have some type of job to

support that

I have lived on a farm my whole life and enjoy the rural atmosphere, this made it easy to choose to live at Babcock and surround myself with similar people.

Isabel Gast, graduate student, 1-year House member

Graduate degree: Social work **Hometown:** Appleton, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Hanging out with friends and family

Future plans: I plan to work in foster care where I can help foster

children find their forever homes.

I am a graduate student who will only be in Madison for a year. I knew I wanted to find a place to live where I could meet new people and call it home. I have had family members that have lived in the House before and when they told me how much they enjoyed living here. I knew it was the place for me.

Alexandria Gonzales, senior, 1-year House member

Major: Communication sciences and disorders

Hometown: Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: I enjoy reading, cooking and spending time with

my family.

Future plans: Medical speech and language pathologist

I grew up on a small Brown Swiss dairy farm. Therefore, I appreciate the agricultural roots that the Babcock House embodies and enjoy being surrounded by fellow students with similar agricultural backgrounds. Although I am not pursing a future career in agriculture, it is a privilege to be a part of a community and tradition of past and present students that value the education that the University of Wisconsin has to offer.

Ian Rocha, freshman, 1-year House member

Major: Biochemistry

Hometown: Oak Creek, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Playing video games

Future plans: Get a good job and a happy family

I like relaxing in my room and hanging out with friends.

Chloe Lambrecht, freshman, 1-year House member

Major: Animal science

Hometown: Manawa, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Traveling with my family and friends

Future plans: Become a veterinarian at a small animal hospital

and own my own clinic and adoption center

Throughout high school, I was involved with the FFA organization, becoming vice president my senior year. It's been my dream to attend UW-Madison and it's an honor to be living at Babcock House.



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Mara Quarne, freshman, 1-year House member

Major: Animal science
Hometown: Blair, Wisconsin
Favorite hobby: Showing livestock

Future plans: Teacher

I grew up on a small rural farm raising dairy, beef and sheep. I am the proud patent holder for $CowCruisers^{TM}$. I love spending time outside with friends and family, which made living at

Babcock the perfect fit!

Kenzie Emery, freshman, 1-year House member

Major: Animal Science

Hometown: Sullivan, Wisconsin

Favorite hobby: Showing my dairy cattle

Future plans: I am hoping to attend veterinary school to become a large animal vet.

I grew up on a small hobby farm, which has turned into a small heifer farm. I started showing cows when I was in third grade and I haven't stopped. I have always been interested in becoming a vet and I don't remember ever not wanting to go to UW-Madison. I was introduced to Babcock by a friend who lives here and I thought it would be a great place to spend my school years.

Anastasia McCourt, freshman, 1-year House member

Major: Dairy science/agricultural and applied economics

Hometown: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin **Favorite hobby:** Gardening or baking

Future plans: I hope to stay in the dairy industry.

I grew up on a small dairy farm showing registered Jerseys. I graduated from Horace Mann High School and I was involved heavily in numerous clubs, like 4-H and powerlifting. I visited Babcock House multiple times during my senior year of high school and I knew immediately that it was the place I wanted to live.

Dan Schaefer receives ASAS Fellow Award

Dr. Daniel M. Schaefer, from a livestock farm near Kewaskum, Wisconsin, was a Babcock House chomper from 1971 to 1974 and served two terms as the Babcock House faculty advisor (1990 to 1995 and 1999 to 2005). He graduated in meat and animal science and then completed his M.S. degree at UW-Madison, followed by his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois.

Dan was made a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) at the society's annual meeting in July 2020. The ASAS Fellow Award is reserved for a select few academics and industry leaders who have made significant accomplishments to the livestock industry.

Dan is an exemplary animal scientist who made significant accomplishments in teaching, research and outreach in his 40-year career while devoting 20 years to administration. He joined the UW-Madison Meat and Animal Science faculty in 1981 after two years at Purdue University and retired in December 2019. He served as chair, Department of Animal Sciences; interim associate dean, Undergraduate Programs, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS); and director, Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Program. One of his long-lasting accomplishments is the new \$56 million Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building on campus.



Dan has been recognized with awards for his research, teaching and undergraduate advising. Several Wisconsin livestock associations and the Midwest Poultry Consortium have recognized Dan for his contributions to their industries. Dan received the CALS Land Grant Faculty Award for Excellence in 2009 for his outstanding efforts that exemplify the land grant mission. Dan and his wife, Gail, live in Madison and have two children.

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students, their activities,
and what they're
accomplishing at
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Introducing the 2020 Babcock House scholarship recipients

Due to the generous donations from Babcock House alumni and their spouses, family, and friends, scholarships totaling \$8,665 were awarded to 12 House residents at the virtual Annual Meeting of the Babcock House Corporation on October 22, 2020. 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 these scholarships. For the past several years, 4.5% of the principal has been returned to us. Following are the recipients for the 2020-2021 academic year:

Jenna Langrehr received the \$1,000 **Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship**. Jenna was a member of the 2018 UW-Madison Dairy Judging Team and is a senior majoring in dairy science and life sciences communication. She has lived in the House for four years and is from a dairy farm near West Salem, Wisconsin. She was student recruiter for the House for two years and hopes to have a position in the dairy communications industry upon graduation in 2021.

Kate Nuttleman received the \$1,700 **Katie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship**. Kate is a senior from a dairy and swine farm near Bangor, Wisconsin, majoring in dairy science, who has lived in the House for four years. She has served as House president since 2019 and has been a leader in the House's COVID-19 response. She 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.

Paul Connolly received the \$500 Mark Sherry Memorial Scholarship. Paul is a genetics and genomics major from Montfort, Wisconsin, and a three-year resident of the House. Paul has served as the House service chair and CALS student council representative, 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 graduate school.

William Zeimet received the \$500 **Bob Van Liere Memorial Scholarship**. William is a two-year House resident from a farm near Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. He is majoring in dairy science and serves as the House social co-chair. He has worked at the campus Dairy Cattle Center and currently works in an Animal Nutrition Lab in the Department of Animal and Dairy Science. He plans to farm after graduation in May 2023.

Zachary Wiegel received the \$500 **Dan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship**. Zachary has lived in the House for two years. He is majoring in ag business management and has served as House apparel and athletic chair. Zachary is from Shullsburg, Wisconsin, and currently serves as House social co-chair. He plans to work in agricultural sales upon graduation in May 2023.

Kirstin Novak received the \$965 **John and Helen Rossmiller Babcock House Scholarship**. Kirstin is an ag business management major from Sullivan, Wisconsin, and has lived in the House for two years. She has served as the House historian and currently serves as the House recruiter. She provided major leadership on organization of the 2020 virtual Babcock House Annual Meeting. Upon graduation in 2023, she plans to return to her home grain and produce farm and expand its operations.

Jessica Noble received the \$1,000 Les and Ellen Huber Memorial Scholarship. Jessica is a four-year House resident from a dairy farm near Burlington, Wisconsin. She is majoring in dairy science with an ag business certificate and was Wisconsin's Miss Agriculture USA in 2019. Jessica has been a CALS Ambassador and served the House as apparel chair and vice president. She plans to return to the family dairy farm upon graduation in May 2021.

Will McKinley received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Will is a three-year House resident majoring in genetics and genomics and English literature from Lakeville, Minnesota. He has served as House chaplain, secretary 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.

Seth Rocha received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Seth is a biology major from Oak Creek, Wisconsin, and has lived in the House for three years. He has served as the House athletic and social chairs. Upon graduation in 2022, he hopes to go to medical school to become a physician's assistant or a medical researcher.

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Joseph Nicholson received a \$500 **Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship**. Joseph is a nursing major from Hortonville, Wisconsin, and has lived in the House for four years. In 2019, he studied abroad in New Zealand. He is a member of the Aspiring Nurses Association and hopes to work as an emergency room nurse upon graduation.

Josh Gerbitz received a \$500 Babcock House Alumni and Friends Scholarship. Josh is a dairy science major. He has lived in the House for three years, is from a dairy farm in the Milton, Wisconsin, area, and has worked at the UW-Madison Dairy Cattle Center. He has served as the House chaplain, social chair 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 4.5 years and is an animal science major. He has served as House vice president and social chair, 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.

To support Babcock House scholarships, visit www.supportuw.org/give and select "Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund." You may also send a check to the UW Foundation (U.S. Bank Lockbox, Box 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278-0807). Note "Babcock House Scholarship and Award Fund" and the account number - 132040860 - in the memo line.

If you would like to support Babcock House general operations, you can mail a check directly to Babcock House (1936 University Ave. Madison, WI 53726).



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 for details.

Check out the <u>Babcock House recruitment video</u> and share it with the prospective students you know. See what Babcock House means to today's students.

Visit Babcock House on Facebook (obabcock house) or Instagram (obabcock_house) where prospective students (as well as yourself) can follow what service, social and sporting events Babcock House is participating in!





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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 (see the article about Dan Schaefer inside this newsletter as an example), please email us (babcockhousealumni@gmail.com) as we would like to share the information with all alumni.

Great to see you at Homecoming!

Thanks to all who joined us at our virtual Babcock House Homecoming Annual Meeting.

