

BABCOCK HOUSE

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Steward's report

Addison Arndt, Babcock House steward

Howdy, Babcock alumni and friends!

It's been a busy first year serving as House Steward. Upon the completion of a smooth spring transition, the summer brought its challenges. In addition to the planned update to the ceilings in the basement, kitchen, and first and second corner rooms, we ended up having mold remediation, two new freezers, and an update to the kitchen faucets and plumbing. Special thanks to my dad who helped piece together the cleanup and work left by those processes.

The House executive team has been integral in making things run well over the past months. Our president, Kate, has stepped up to lead with complete respect and confidence in an unbiased way. Our public relations director, Jenna, has flawlessly filled our House and started an extremely successful social media campaign this year. Our vice president, Jessica, is responsible for an exponentially cleaner house with her strict weekly room checks, and Haley, this year's treasurer, has efficiently filled our lot on game days and organized the social fund far beyond what it has been in the past. It is a true pleasure to work with friends and an even greater pleasure to see those friends step up and perform so well in leadership roles. Babcock truly is in good hands!

As alumni, donors and friends of Babcock House, you each help enable a truly special college experience for students at the University of Wisconsin. Thank you for your constant support in all that we do. We wouldn't and couldn't do what we do at Babcock without you!

With the help of the executive team, dedicated upperclassmen, and a new crop of respectful and involved freshmen, we are looking forward to an exceptional year at Babcock both in the House and on campus!

Park here for games!

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!



President's report

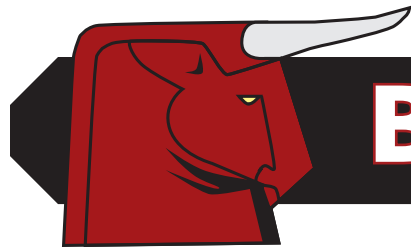
Kate Nuttleman,
Babcock House president

Hello all! My name is Kate Nuttleman and I am very excited and honored to be your 2019 House president! I am currently a junior studying dairy science with an agricultural business management certificate. I grew up working on my family's dairy and swine farm. Our family-operated farm has a herd of 160 registered Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey cows. In addition, we have a farrow-to-finish swine operation with about 50 sows. I greatly appreciate the opportunities Babcock has given me along with friendships that will last a lifetime.

The year started off with many late nights on the porch and bonfires in the back lot. As classes began, so did connections throughout the House. Fast friendships were made, and House participation is at an all-time high! We found ourselves having to add more tables at meals and grab more chairs no matter what we were doing.

In addition to relationships growing throughout the House, we have also grown stronger ties with AGR and AWA. We are currently planning multiple events the three houses can do throughout the school year. These include intramural sports, a shared homecoming float, a ski trip and many more. We are excited to see more cooperation among the three houses.

All in all, we are very optimistic for a great year at Babcock. This wouldn't be possible without the strong support system of our house alumni and friends. On behalf of everyone, I thank you all for everything you have done!



BABCOCK HOUSE ALUMNI

From your alumni president

Bernie Bernstein, Babcock House alumni president, Class of '09

Greetings and salutations! With the school year in full swing and the House full, we're off to a great start for the 2019-20 school year.

As Homecoming was early this year, we are a little later getting out this newsletter. It was great to see all of you that were able to come and attend the annual meeting. Brian Rowntree was elected to the board this year and will be taking over the treasurer position. (We'll include a more detailed bio of Brian in the next newsletter.) This year at Homecoming, we were able to try something new with a pre-meeting social. This was a great opportunity to take a House tour, see the updates from the past year, and socialize with current and past House members.

One additional point I want to bring to your attention: Our current students would appreciate alumni sharing any professional opportunities you may know of. To that end, if your company is hiring (full-time or internships), please pass along the information to our students.

I'd like to thank everyone for all your generous contributions to the House over the last year. Go Badgers and On, Wisconsin!

Meet our new Babcock House student members

Alex Condon | Janesville, Wis. | Senior | Biological systems engineering

Favorite hobby: Socializing | **Future plans:** Environmental engineering

"I'm on the UW Water Polo Team. I wanted to live at Babcock House because there are a lot of cool people living there."

Ethan Heinrichs | Lake Elmo, Minn. | Sophomore | Animal science

Favorite hobby: Reading a good book | **Future plans:** Vet

"I grew up in the city, but love spending time on my grandparents' farm in Iowa. 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."

Kaianne Hodorff | Eden, Wis. | Freshman | Dairy science

Favorite hobby: Showing dairy cattle | **Future plans:** Start a calf-raising farm

"I grew up on our family's 1,000-cow dairy, Second Look Holsteins LLC. I enjoy participating in 4-H, Junior Holsteins, and am excited to begin involvement in college organizations. Being an agricultural house, Babcock appealed to me. Seeing the relationships House members have with each other also encouraged me to live here."

Blake Johnson | Blair, Wis. | Freshman | Animal science

Favorite hobby: Showing sheep and running | **Future plans:** Vet school or any better career path that arises within the ag industry

"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."

Kearstin Kaye | Richland Center, Wis. | Senior | Animal science

Favorite hobby: Watching Netflix, hanging with friends | **Future plans:** Breeding/AI

"Even though I didn't grow up on a farm, I'm very interested in cows and livestock since coming to UW-Madison. I lived in Dejope last year and I didn't make a lot of friends. I decided to live here so I could meet more people with my major and get to know more people. So far it has been so great."

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Come to Babcock! You'll like it here!

Know any students looking for housing at UW-Madison? Look no further than 1936 University Avenue!

Based on current dorm room rates from the UW website, living in the dorms can cost students upwards of \$5,325 to \$9,525 more per year compared to living at Babcock House. You won't find a better deal on campus than Babcock House!

We will have at least five openings to fill in the next academic year. Contact Jenna Langrehr (jlangrehr@wisc.edu), House PR director, for more information or to organize a tour.

Check out the Babcock House recruitment video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aye5zAZPrI) and share it with the prospective students you know. See what Babcock House means to today's students.

Also check out Babcock's Instagram (@babcock_house) where you and prospective students can follow Babcock House service, social, and sporting events.



Larry Clark inducted into Wisconsin Meat Industry Hall of Fame

Dr. Dave Thomas, faculty advisor, Class of '71

Larry Clark, Babcock House alum and owner of Lodi Sausage Company and Meat Market in Lodi, Wisconsin, was inducted into the Wisconsin Meat Industry Hall of Fame on May 3, 2019. Clark grew up on a farm near Mineral Point, Wisconsin and entered the University of Wisconsin in 1962. He was among the cohort of Babcock men that moved from Clymer Place to the House's present location at 1936 University Avenue in 1964. He graduated in 1966 with a major in meat and animal science and a minor in business administration. In 1973, he married Ginny and together they raised a family of seven children.



Given his strong background in livestock evaluation, Clark was hired as a livestock buyer with Oscar Mayer Inc. in 1966 and worked with regional hog farmers to recruit the needed supply of hogs to the Madison plant. Eventually, Oscar Mayer's interest in hog slaughter at the Madison plant began to wane, so Clark departed in 1976 to become vice president and general manager for Star Meat Company in Detroit. Thereafter, he moved to the same position at American Meat Packing in Chicago. Subsequently, he became director of livestock procurement for John Morrell & Company. In 1989, he was able to realize his dream of owning his own business by purchasing the Lodi Locker, now Lodi Sausage Company and Meat Market.

In addition to being a successful livestock buyer, corporate executive, and business owner, Clark has shared his time and talents with the meat industry and his community. A few of his contributions include building the Governor's Meat Products Auction at the Wisconsin State Fair into a significant fundraiser for Wisconsin 4-H, working with the Department of Natural Resources and others when Chronic Wasting Disease emerged in the deer population, and partnering with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection as manager of the Specialty Meat Development Center to help educate small meat plant owners on processed meat opportunities to help their businesses. Larry Clark built a model small meat plant business that offers high-quality, locally sourced fresh and processed meat products, and his products have won many awards in state, national, and international processed meat competitions.

New members *(continued from page 2)*

Daniel Neerdaels | Wrightstown, Wis.
Freshman | Mechanical engineering

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."

Kirstin Novak | Sullivan, Wis.

Freshman | Agricultural business management

Favorite hobby: Skiing

Future plans: Return to home farm to expand the business with more fruits and vegetables.

"I grew up on a grain and produce farm where we grow pumpkins, gourds, and squash and most recently added sweet corn, watermelon, and cantaloupe. 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."

Olivia Spaight | Waterford, Wis.

Freshman | Dairy Science

Favorite hobby: Showing sheep and dairy cattle

Future plans: Pursue a career in agriculture, either working with livestock or promoting the dairy industry.

"Growing up in a predominantly agricultural community, being involved on my grandparents' dairy farm when I was young, and joining 4-H and FFA all influenced my decision to attend UW-Madison to further my education in CALS. I look forward to meeting people with a passion for agriculture, both at Babcock and beyond."

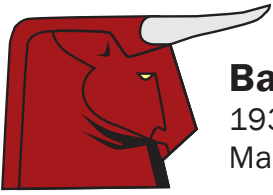
Zach Wiegel | Shullsburg, Wis.

Freshman | Agricultural business management

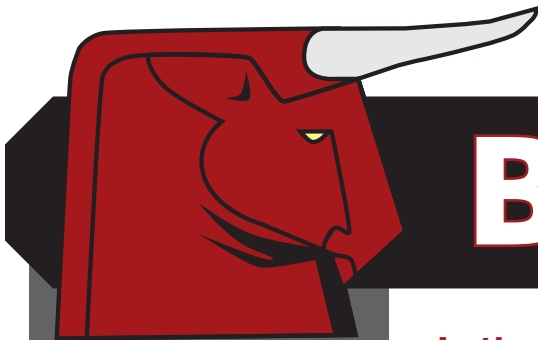
Favorite hobby: ATVing

Future plans: Pursue a job in agricultural sales

"Throughout 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 housing choice goes hand-in-hand with your college experience. I first heard about Babcock from my ag teacher/FFA advisor, Jennifer Russell. After some online research and one quick visit to the House, I knew I would be proud 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 deciding factor in my decision."



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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 Larry Clark 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 Babcock House Homecoming festivities and Annual Meeting.

In our spring newsletter, we will introduce you to our newest alumni board member and tell you a little more about our Babcock House scholarship recipients.

