



DIVISION OF

# UNIVERSITY HOUSING

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

---

Hey friends! My name is Caitlin Butte; I will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor House Fellow next year in Barnard Hall. I hope you are getting excited to move into (or back into) the dorms! I know that I for sure am really looking forward to next year. Especially with all of the great renovations that are happening in Barnard this summer, your experience here next year will be unlike any other.

I'll start off by telling you a little bit about myself and what it might be like to live on the floor with me next year. I am originally from Oconomowoc and Pewaukee, WI. I went to high school at Kettle Moraine where I was very involved with cross country and singing. If you're familiar with that part of Wisconsin at all, there are a lot of state parks close by, meaning that I'm an avid fan of running outdoors and with people. I'm always looking for a running partner if you're ever interested in joining me. ☺ After high school, I moved to Madison for college and I've been here every since! I am still running and singing with a co-ed a cappella group called Redefined. This year I will be a senior and will graduate with a degree in Biology and Spanish. I plan on attending medical school at UW's School of Medicine and Public Health.

My experience here at UW has been shaped by the interesting people I've met and friends I've made that helped me to find my place at this school and get involved on campus. I hope to not only be able to share those experiences with you, but also to be a resource for you to find your place here as well.

If you are looking to get involved on campus, you're lucky to be living in Barnard. With such an excellent, central location, all of UW's resources are literally right around the corner. Many of you may have chosen Barnard for its location or for its reputation as a place where you can really focus on academics, but regardless of your motivation to live here, I know we've got a great year ahead. As I said, Barnard is a great location, but it's also a great community. Although there are 5 floors with 3 different house fellows, we try to treat this building like its one big floor. All 5 floors share the same study spaces and common areas, so you'll have the opportunity to meet people throughout the building as well as on your floor. Since a lot of people in Barnard live in singles, though, it can sometimes be a challenge to socialize with floormates and get people to open their doors. We House Fellows usually have fun ways of making people do that... which I hope you can get a taste of next year! Aside from Barnard, you'll probably meet a few people in Chadbourne. We are connected to Chadbourne through Rheta's, and all of the events that go on at both dorms are for the larger community of Chadbourne and Barnard called CRC (Chadbourne Residential College).

Before I leave you, here are some final words of advice. I understand that there are a lot of things you may be unsure of in the next year of your life, and I don't necessarily have the answers, but I do know that you will be in a really amazing place and will have the opportunity to do (almost) whatever you want. Your experience here is determined by what you choose to do or not do and I am definitely here to help you try to figure that out. When you come here, spend some time getting to know campus. Explore! Take whichever classes you want to take. You may not know exactly what you want out of life yet, but find something you're passionate about and get involved! This can include getting involved with something in the city of Madison, a student org, a class, or even our floor in Barnard. You are in control of what you do, so make it great!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to meeting you at the start of the next academic school year. But until that day comes, enjoy summer! See you soon!