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Hey Barnard!

My name is Jenny Mathson and I am going to be the 4th floor Barnard House Fellow this year. I am new to the CRC House Fellow position, but I have worked in the CRC for the past two years as a Community Service Mission and Vision Group co-chair. After having so many positive experiences working and living in CRC, I am excited to be returning.

I am originally from Verona, WI, the town just south of Madison. I am a junior majoring in Medical Microbiology and Immunology. In my spare time, I love hanging out, listening to music, watching Grey's Anatomy, catching up with friends, and exploring everything that Madison has to offer. Wandering the Capitol Square Farmer's Market, relaxing on Bascom Hill, shopping on State Street, and trying new restaurants are some of my favorite activities in this city. I also truly enjoy spending time within the greater Madison community volunteering. I've been fortunate enough to volunteer a lot of my time with local Hispanic youth and am looking forward to integrating that experience more deeply into the CRC community this year.

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 floor mates 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).

Barnard is a new experience for me, seeing as I have lived in Chadbourne for the last two years, but it is a change that I'm very much looking forward to. Whether you are returning to Barnard or coming in new, I'm sure we'll be able to create a community that suits all of our needs. It'll be a new experience for everyone. I can't wait to figure out what keeps each and every one of you motivated and what you are passionate about. We all have something to contribute to the community that we'll be forging; it's up to each of us to determine what that contribution will be.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I can't wait to meet you!