

Parent and Family Program
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

2025–2026
CALENDAR FOR BADGER FAMILIES

Hello, Badger families!

The University of Wisconsin–Madison has so much to offer, it can be hard to keep track of it all! Alongside images of our beautiful campus, this calendar offers helpful information and key dates to reference throughout the academic year.

Your student's success is our priority, and we are excited to partner with you through the Parent and Family Program to create a community of care where all students know they belong. Take advantage of the program's events, online resources, and incredible staff to answer your questions—no matter what they are.

We are thrilled to begin another year and to welcome your student to campus. They have earned their spot, and we can't wait to see what they will bring to our community and beyond.



On, Wisconsin!

Lori Reesor, PhD
Vice Chancellor for
Student Affairs



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WELCOME



The Parent and Family Program staff consists of Annie Doman (left), Frank Rodriguez (center), Carren Martin (right), and a team of student interns.

FAMILY WEEKEND October 24th-26, 2025

Connect with campus.
Experience Madison.
Make memories.



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Institutional Statement on Diversity

Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for UW-Madison. We value the contributions of each person and respect the profound ways their identity, culture, background, experience, status, abilities, and opinion enrich the university community. We commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and diversity as inextricably linked goals. The University of Wisconsin-Madison fulfills its public mission by creating a welcoming and inclusive community for people from every background—people who as students, faculty, and staff serve Wisconsin and the world.

Dear Badger Family,

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Madison!

At UW-Madison, parents and family members are valued partners. Research shows that family involvement is critical to the success of college students. We recognize the key role you play as a coach and mentor, while you encourage your student to progressively take on more responsibility.

The Parent and Family Program is your resource. No question is too big or too small. Our program is here to connect you to the university so that you feel welcomed, informed, and able to support your student's success.

This calendar is our gift to you. We invite you to use this information to help your student take advantage of all that UW-Madison has to offer. You can request a calendar from our office each year.

The Parent and Family Program is committed to offering personalized service to help you and your student navigate our campus and community. In addition to this calendar, we provide:

- Phone (1-877-262-3977) and email (parent@uwmad.wisc.edu) services to help answer your questions and concerns
- A comprehensive and dynamic website (parent.wisc.edu)
- The Badger Family e-newsletter
- A variety of visit opportunities, including Family Weekend, showcasing our campus and offering events for the entire family
- Multilingual services, including a Spanish-language website, email, and phone line, and a Chinese-language website
- Topic-based online chats with answers from campus experts
- An informative handbook for families of first-year and incoming students at parent.wisc.edu

NEW: The Badger Family Experience, an online comprehensive Parent and Family portal (Campus ESP), that will connect UW families with campus resources. This portal will be user-friendly for all UW families so they can help their students thrive in their college journey.

On behalf of all of the Parent and Family Program staff, we thank you for all you do and look forward to connecting with you.

Kind regards,

Parent and Family Program Team
UW-Madison Office of Student Transition and Family Engagement

Our Goals for Parents & Families

1. To recognize your important role as mentors and coaches. You help your students progressively take on more responsibility for their academics, out-of-classroom experiences, and all other aspects of their lives.
2. To have an open dialogue with your students about ways to promote personal health and balance, including coping with stress, alcohol/drugs, nutrition, sleep, exercise, and relationships. You empower your students to identify problems, develop plans, and work toward solutions independently.
3. To understand that there are limitations regarding access to specific student information as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
4. To know about and take advantage of opportunities to engage with the campus and surrounding community.
5. To generate goodwill for the university by helping spread the word about the resources and discoveries at UW-Madison, which impact both your students and society at large. Parents and families advocate for personal, state, and federal investments in higher education.




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UW students pass by a "Welcome" sign in the windows of Chadbourne Residence Hall during the first day of classes for the fall semester.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>UW President Charles Van Hise in 1905, came up with the origin of the Wisconsin Idea. "I shall never be content until the beneficent influence of the University reaches every family of the State," he said.</div>					1 <div>Study Abroad Applications Open: Fall, Academic Year, and Summer Programs</div>	2
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10	11	12	13 <div>Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers</div>	14	15 <div>SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual coverage period begins</div> <div>Fall-term eligibility begins for University Health Services</div>	16
17	18	19	20 <div>Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?</div>	21	22 <div>Move-in for University Housing student employees and approved groups</div>	23 <div>Students should verify their MAILING and HOME addresses are correct on MyUW > Student Center</div>
24	25 <div>Move-in for all University Residence Halls (Aug. 25-27), as assigned</div> <div>Wisconsin Welcome begins</div> <div>Mead Witter School of Music ensemble auditions for all majors (Aug. 25-29)</div>	26 <div>Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts</div> <div>eRefunds begin processing for students</div>	27 <div>Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled in eRefund</div>	28 <div>Home football game UW vs. Miami (OH)</div>	29	30
31 <div>Welcome Events at Union South (Sunburst Festival)</div> <div>Summer health-fee eligibility ends at University Health Services</div>						

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First-year students, along with UW mascot Bucky Badger, Chancellor Mnookin, and Vice Chancellor Reesor, form the shape of an iconic Motion W as part of the W Project on Barry Alvarez Field at Camp Randall Stadium.

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Welcome Events at Memorial Union (Terrace Takeover) Labor Day	2 New Student Convocation Academic Orientations Deadline to cancel fall enrollment and have no fall term record on transcript	3 Fall instruction begins	4	5 MCOR Multicultural Performance Showcase Deadline for students to begin initial fall term enrollment without \$50 late fee	6 Home football game UW vs. Middle Tennessee
7	8	9 Fall Student Org Fair (Sept. 9-10)	10 Study Abroad First-Year Student Welcome Event Fall deadline to drop classes with no record on transcript	11	12 Tuition due for fall term The Meet Up (Student Org Resource Fair) Fall deadline to drop class for 100% tuition adjustment Fall deadline to add or change class sections Fall deadline to begin initial enrollment	13
14 SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) fall/annual open enrollment deadline	15 Latine Heritage Month begins	16 Career Exploration Center Open House	17	18	19	20 Home football game UW vs. Maryland
21	22 First day of fall Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Navaratri begins	23	24	25	26 Fall deadline to change number of course credits Fall deadline to request pass/fail or credit/audit options Fall deadline to drop class for 50% tuition adjustment	27
28	29	30 Study Abroad Fair	Did You Know? Wisconsin Welcome takes place during the first four weeks of the semester and is designed to welcome students to campus through a variety of social events and academic programs. From large to small gatherings, there is something for everyone.			

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The Carillon Tower is touched by the first pink rays of the sun during a fall morning.

OCTOBER 2025

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<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>Family Weekend welcomes the whole family to experience life as a Badger. The weekend includes athletic events, musical performances, photos with Bucky, remarks from university leadership, behind-the-scenes tours, and more.</div>		1	2	3	4		
		Student Housing Fair LGBTQ+ History Month FAFSA available to apply for 2026-27 aid year Yom Kippur begins at sundown	Yom Kippur ends at nightfall				
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	UW Homecoming Week (Oct. 6-11) Sukkot begins at sundown		Equity & Inclusion Career & Internship Fair		Badger Pay second installment due	Home football game UW vs. Iowa National Coming Out Day	
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	Sukkot ends			Wisconsin Science Festival (Oct. 16-26)		Home football game UW vs. Ohio	
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	Diwali begins	University Housing returning resident notice of intent begins			Family Weekend (Oct. 24-26)		
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Students climb the Mt. Mendota Climbing & Bouldering Wall on the third level of the Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center.

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Did You Know?

The University Housing Dining and Culinary Services has a fleet of 30 robots to deliver food orders throughout campus. They are white vehicles on six wheels, with an orange flag announcing their presence to passersby. Students and staff can use an app to place orders.



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Native American Heritage Month begins (Native November)

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University Housing returning resident room selection begins

Students begin receiving spring-term enrollment times

Daylight Saving Time ends

Badger Pay third installment due

Home football game UW vs. Washington

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Students begin enrolling for spring term classes according to their appointment times

Veterans Day

Trans Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19)

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International Education Week

UW Diversity Forum (Nov 18-19)

International Transgender Day of Remembrance

Home football game UW vs. Illinois

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Fall deadline to drop a class

Fall deadline to add class with department permission

Fall deadline to change honors class status

Fall-term withdrawal deadline

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Thanksgiving recess (Nov. 27-30)
Thanksgiving Day



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The Abraham Lincoln statue in front of Bascom Hall is covered in snow during an overnight snowfall.

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 2026-27 FAFSA priority deadline	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Last day of fall classes	11 Study day	12 Fall exams begin	13
14 Winter Commencement (no exams) Hanukkah begins at sundown	15 Last day to accept financial aid for fall term SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer open enrollment	16	17	18 Fall exams end University Residence Halls close at 7pm	19	20
21 First day of winter	22 Hannukkah ends	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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Did You Know?

The amazing UW grounds department crews are responsible for clearing the snow on campus including sidewalks and delivery docks.




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Bascom Hall is seen on a snowy night in winter during the first week of spring semester classes.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>UW-Madison launched the nation’s first dance degree program in 1926, under the leadership of dance pioneer Margaret H'Doubler.</div>				1 <div>New Year’s Day Spring-term eligibility begins for University Health Services</div>	2	3
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			Tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers		Financial Aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	Students should verify their MAILING and HOME addresses are correct on MyUW > Student Center
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		Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts eRefunds begin processing for students	Checks begin processing weekly for Parent PLUS refunds and for students not enrolled for eRefund	SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) spring/summer coverage period begins End of fall-term eligibility for University Health Services		University Residence Halls open
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	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Spring deadline to cancel enrollment with no record on transcript	Spring instruction begins			Deadline for students to begin initial spring term enrollment without \$50 late fee	
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			Spring deadline to drop a class with no record on transcript		Tuition due for spring term Spring deadline to add or change class sections Spring deadline to begin initial enrollment Spring deadline to drop a class for 100% tuition adjustment	

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An inflatable replica of the Statue of Liberty gazes at the camera on frozen Lake Mendota near the Memorial Union.

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Black History Month begins	2	3	4	5 UW Founders' Day	6	7
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15	16 Presidents' Day	17 Spring Primary (if needed) Chinese New Year Lunar New Year Ramadan begins at sundown	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Badger Pay second Installment due	28

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Did You Know?

The Wisconsin Union hosts the Winter Carnival each February, which includes mini-golfing on ice, an ice fishing derby, a ski and snowshoe hike, kite flying, and a freestyle snowboard and ski show.




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UW mascot Bucky Badger welcomes riders on a new 60-foot long Madison Metro electric bus as it makes a special tour around Bascom Hall.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Study Abroad Applications Open: Winter Term Programs 1 Women's History Month begins Middle Eastern North African (MENA) Heritage Month begins Peace Corps Week (Mar. 1-7)	2 Purim begins at sundown	3	4 Holi	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time begins Fulbright Week (Mar. 8-14)	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Students assigned Summer Term 2026 enrollment appointment times (throughout the week)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown	20 Nowruz First day of spring	21 University Housing summer resident application available
22	23 Students begin summer-term enrollment as assigned Students begin receiving fall-term enrollment times	24	25	26	27 Badger Pay third Installment due	28 Spring recess begins (Mar. 28-Apr. 5)
29	30	31 International Transgender Day of Visibility	<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>Ask Bucky, the Campus and Visitor Relations chat/search/email service for answering questions about the campus and community, is celebrating 20 years of service.</div>			

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Rain puddles form on tabletops and the iconic Terrace chairs as they are officially out for the season.

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Did You Know?</div> <div>UW–Madison launched the Sustainability Research Hub in early 2024, a new service to campus that makes the university a preeminent destination for sustainability research and education.</div>			1	2	3	4
			Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month begins Passover begins at sundown		Badger Family Spring Visit (April 3-5) Good Friday	
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	Easter	Classes resume Students begin enrolling for fall-term classes according to their appointment times	Spring Election		Badger Family Spring Visit (April 10-12)	11
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			Vaisakhi	Tax Day	Badger Family Spring Visit (April 17-19) Undergraduate Symposium	18
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	Spring deadline to add class with department permission Spring deadline to change honors class status Spring-term withdrawal deadline Spring deadline to drop a class				Badger Family Spring Visit (April 24-26)	
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				MSC Student Achievement Gala		

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Graduates stand and celebrate as their degrees are conferred during UW–Madison’s spring commencement ceremony at Camp Randall Stadium. The outdoor graduation is attended by thousands of students and their guests each year.

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Did You Know? The University of Wisconsin Veterinary Care offers a full-service veterinary clinic and hospital. As the state's leader in veterinary care, the learning hospital trains students to be the specialists of tomorrow!					1 Jewish American Heritage Month begins Study Abroad Applications Open: Spring and Calendar Year Programs Last day of spring classes	2 Study day
3 Spring exams begin	4 Last day to accept financial aid for spring term and/or academic year	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Commencement Weekend (May 8-9) Spring exams end Financial aid refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund? Commencement ceremony for doctoral and medical professional candidates	9 Commencement for bachelor's, law and master's degree candidates University Residence Halls close
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13 Summer tuition eBills available for students and authorized payers	14 Financial aid begins applying to student tuition accounts	15 Summer health-fee eligibility begins at University Health Services Summer refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled in eRefund?	16
17	18 Four-week summer session begins	19	20	21 Shavuot begins at sundown	22	23
24 Hajj begins at sundown	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 End of spring-term eligibility for University Health Services	Memorial Day	Eid-al-Adha begins at sundown Three-week summer session begins				

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Hoofers Sailing Club's Week Race takes place as three sailboats traverse Lake Mendota.

JUNE 2026

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	1 LGBTQ+ Pride Month	2	3	4	5 Summer refunds begin next week; is your student enrolled for eRefund?	6
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14 Four-week summer session ends Three-week summer session ends	15 Eight-week summer session begins	16 Islamic New Year begins	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 First day of summer Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Did You Know?

The campus has a FREE bike repair located in the parking ramp of Helen C. White Library. This do-it-yourself station includes air pump, tools, a bike repair stand, grease and lube, repair manuals, and much more.



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The Terrace, Red Gym, and Memorial Union are photographed by a drone on a summer evening.

JULY 2026

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Did You Know?

Babcock Hall, built in 1951, is home to the Babcock Dairy Plant, the Babcock Hall Dairy Store, the Department of Food Science, and the Center for Dairy Research (CDR) and is the nation's oldest university dairy facility.



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An assortment of wildflowers and prairie plants, including sunflower varieties, wild bergamot, and milkweed, take in the summer sun at the BioCore Prairie near Picnic Point.

AUGUST 2026

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Did You Know?

Camp Randall Stadium and its grounds had a rich history prior to its affiliation with Wisconsin Athletics. In the days before the Civil War, the site was owned by the Wisconsin Agricultural Society, which held its annual state fair on the ground. Intercollegiate athletics began on campus in 1881, and football joined the scene in 1889.



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Summer health-fee eligibility ends at University Health Services

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NOVEMBER 2026

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DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28	29	30	31		

2026-27 DATES

Fall instruction begins	Sept. 2, 2026
Labor Day	Sept. 7, 2026
Fall tuition due	Sept. 11, 2026
Thanksgiving recess	Nov. 26-29, 2026
Last day of fall classes	Dec. 9, 2026
Fall exams begin	Dec. 11, 2026
Winter Commencement	Dec. 13, 2026
Fall exams end	Dec. 17, 2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 18, 2027
Spring instruction begins	Jan. 19, 2027
Spring tuition due	Jan. 29, 2027
Spring recess	March 20-28, 2027
Last day of spring classes	April 30, 2027
Spring exams begin	May 2, 2027
Spring exams end	May 7, 2027
Commencement Weekend	May 7-9, 2027

Academic calendar dates are subject to change.
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For information on accommodations for religious observances, visit secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar/#religious-observances.



IMPORTANT DATES 2025–2026

University Residence Halls move-in (as assigned)	August 25–27, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Instruction begins	September 3, 2025
Tuition due for fall term	September 12, 2025
Badger Pay second installment due	October 10, 2025
Family Weekend	October 24–26, 2025
Badger Pay third installment due	November 7, 2025
Thanksgiving recess	November 27–November 30, 2025
Last day of classes	December 10, 2025
Study day	December 11, 2025
Exams begin	December 12, 2025
Winter Commencement (no exams)	December 14, 2025
Exams end	December 18, 2025
University Residence Halls close (at 7pm)	December 18, 2025
University Residence Halls open	January 17, 2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
Instruction begins	January 20, 2026
Tuition due for spring term	January 30, 2026
Badger Pay second installment due	February 27, 2026
Badger Pay third installment due	March 27, 2026

Spring recess	March 28–April 5, 2026
Last day of classes	May 1, 2026
Study day	May 2, 2026
Exams begin	May 3, 2026
Exams end	May 8, 2026
Commencement Weekend	May 8–9, 2026
University Residence Halls close	May 9, 2026
Four-week summer session	May 18–June 14, 2026
Three-week summer session	May 26–June 14, 2026
Tuition due for summer term	June 12, 2026
Eight-week summer session	June 15–August 9, 2026

Events and deadlines in this calendar are subject to change and are specific to undergraduate students. For additional important dates and events, visit the Parent and Family Program website (parent.wisc.edu) or call 1-877-262-3977.




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"Well Red," a sculpture of Bucky Badger by artist Douwe Blumberg, looks out on the aurora borealis—or Northern Lights—as they grace the night sky above Lake Mendota along the University of Wisconsin–Madison shoreline.