Barbara McClure-Lukens
Grandparents’ University here at UW-Green Bay is a unique experience for
generations to learn together. Grandparents want to spend time with their
grandkids, but they want to have fun. They don’t want to just sit around or take
them to some place and stand.

When grandparents come to Grandparents’ University, they take classes together,
they earn a degree, they even graduate in a major and they have a lot of fun
together. It’s a memory-maker, is what we call it.

The kids feel really special, because their grandparent has singled him or her out.
They’re going to spend a day-and-a-half (together). Maybe they’ll stay in a dorm
together. Maybe they’ll feel really grown up because they’re staying in a dorm just
like the college kids. And there’s the hope that (after) having spent time on a campus
they’ll see that it’s really fun to learn. It’s not scary. And maybe they’ll come back to
UW-Green Bay or perhaps another college in the UW System.

Evan
It’s a good way to get together with your grandparents and it’s a lot of fun. You can
learn a lot from coming here. It’s just fun. You can stay in a dorm so it’s like being in
college.

Debbie Noll
When I laid down on that bed in the dorm room, it just felt like 40 years hadn’t even
passed. It felt just the same. And so being in the dorm has been great. It’s been really
fun for me, and fun to see Evan enjoy what he’s doing. And time together. We’re
pretty close so that’s important to me, too.

Barbara McClure-Lukens
The best part about Grandparents’ University I think is the graduation. It’s really
fun. Kids get to walk across the stage, they get a diploma, and they’re a star for a
moment. The grandparents have an opportunity to applaud their grandchild and
that’s a nice opportunity to have.

Debbie Noll
I would recommend it to anybody. It’s lots of fun. It really shows our grandkids that
you never stop learning, you never stop improving your mind and exercising your
mind. And that’s what it’s all about.