



The CEMM recently hosted two very special guests from **TWO MEN AND A TRUCK @INTERNATIONAL, Inc.** Mary Ellen Sheets, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, and her daughter, Melanie Bergeron, President, spoke to an enthusiastic audience at the Women in Operations Management Leadership Forum.

CEMM members, Fisher College of Business students, faculty and staff were delighted to learn the story of how in less than 20 years, Mary Ellen has taken a small moving business and driven it to become an international corporation with more than 157 locations in the United States and Canada. After her sons, Brig and Jon Sorber, left for college, she decided to continue the business after receiving numerous requests. She purchased an old moving truck for \$350, the only money she ever invested in the company, and hired two movers. The business grew steadily and her entrepreneurial spirit became well known in the Lansing, Michigan area.

May Ellen awarded the first franchise to her daughter, Melanie Bergeron. In 1994, Bergeron was named president of **TWO MEN AND A TRUCK®** after giving up her career in pharmaceutical sales. In 2002, she became chief operating officer. She also serves on the company's board of directors.



As the fifth largest moving company in the United States with an annual revenue last year of nearly \$150 million, Mary Ellen considers herself fortunate to have her daughter, Melanie Bergeron, as president and chief operating officer and her sons the original “two



Melanie Bergeron, Peg Pennington, Nancy Lahmers, Mary Ellen Sheets

men,” as vice presidents playing an active role in the company. “When I look back, I can’t believe this all happened,” she says. “I am in shock and so grateful. I definitely think this is the American dream. We live in a wonderful country.”

Mary Ellen has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey and Today Show as well as featured in the following books: What’s Luck Got to Do With It? , Start Small — Finish Big, Women Entrepreneurs Only , Glorious Accidents and Millionaire Women .