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University Beat reports run on WUSF 89.7 FM every Tuesday at approximately 6:35 am, 8:35 am and 5:45 pm.

It also runs every Friday on WSMR 89.1 FM every Friday at about 7:30 pm. Each report is between two and a half minutes and three and a half minutes in length.

University Beat: Bullying Game (week of January 7, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

A USF Honors College professor and his friends have created a board game that's partly a trip down memory lane, part life lesson. "High School!! The Game of Surviving Public Education" allows players to relive the good and bad of high school as a bully, nerd, geek or jock. (Children, Discrimination, Education, Violence)

University Beat: Online Masters (week of January 14, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF is offering a pair of new online Master's degrees: one in electrical engineering and another in management information sciences—the study of how to collect, store, analyze and disseminate information. (Education, Economy, Science)

University Beat: USF Band-London (week of January 21, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

The USF Herd of Thunder marching band rang in 2013 in style, playing London's New Year's Day Parade in front of a crowd of more than half a million people. (Arts, Education)

University Beat: iPad Concert (week of January 28, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

"Touch," a band of five USF music professors and graduate students, is playing a musical concert at USF, with all the music being created and played on iPads. (Arts, Education)

University Beat: BRIDGE Clinic (week of February 4, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF Health students and faculty recently held a talent show to benefit the USF BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic, which serves low-income, uninsured University Area residents. University Beat has a look at their work, both onstage and in the Clinic. (Arts, Education, Medicine, Poverty)

University Beat: Professor of the Year (week of February 11, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

A profile of Autar Kaw, the USF engineering educator who has been named a 2012 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. (Education, Science)

University Beat: Moffitt Expansion (week of February 18, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Moffitt Cancer Center has broken ground on a new eight-story, 74 million dollar outpatient facility that officials say will improve both the physical and financial health of the Bay area. (Business, Economy, Medicine)

University Beat: Campus Safety (week of February 25, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Recent headlines reporting sexual attacks on USF's Tampa campus have made some students and their families fearful. However, university officials point out trends show the actual number of assaults being reported is down. We find out why, and what's being done to keep students safe. (Crime, Education, Violence, Women)

University Beat: Engineering Expo (week of March 4, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Almost 20-thousand high school, middle school and elementary students attended the recent USF Engineering Expo. The Expo featured dozens of exhibitions (including a 10 foot tall musical Tesla coil!) designed to get young people interested in the STEM fields. (Education, Environment, Science, Transportation)

University Beat: Business Woman - Reachout (week of March 11, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF's College of Business recently hosted members of the "Committee of 200," an organization made up of some of the leading women in business. (Business, Economy, Education, Women)

University Beat: Flexible Technology (week of March 18, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

A USF professor takes geometry and use lasers to cut precise pieces out of polymer, pins them together and then adds pins and springs to make them move, he creates something called "compliant mechanisms." These dynamic shape shifters have many uses, ranging from lightweight armor to oil spill stoppers. (Environment, Science, Military, Transportation)

University Beat: Listening to Babies (week of March 25, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

It's a question every parent has asked at least once: "What is my baby trying to tell me?" USF St. Petersburg recently held "Listening to Babies," a conference for people who work with infants and toddlers to help them find out what youngsters really need in their first few years. (Children, Education, Minorities)

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[Florida Authors \(March 27, 2013\)](#)

Just ask Ernest Hemmingway or Carl Hiassen – Florida can be a great place to be an author. This week, we talk to three Florida authors about the state that serves as their inspiration.

[Thanking Our Veterans: An Off the Base Special \(March 19, 2013\)](#)

At WUSF, our project Off the Base brings you the stories of veterans, members of the military and their families. In this special program, reporter Bobbie O'Brien brings us some of their struggles and successes.

[Florida Matters: Election Reforms \(March 12, 2013\)](#)

Floridians waiting six hours to vote and then the state taking four days to count all the ballots - if elections go wrong, how do you make them right?

A political science researcher and distinguished panel of election experts come together...

[Legislative Town Hall 2013 \(March 4, 2013\)](#)

Florida lawmakers go back to work this week. But before they take their turn, nearly 1,000 Floridians got to have their say during a public forum organized by WLRN and the Miami Herald. As this year's legislative session kicks off, we'll hear...

[Florida Matters: Premiere of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition Documentary \(February 26, 2013\)](#)

They kayaked, biked and hiked 1,000 miles in 100 days last year through the heart of natural Florida. The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition is now ready to show the world what they encountered. On Sunday, March 3, the premiere of their one-...

[The Dozier School for Boys \(February 19, 2013\)](#)

The infamous Dozier School for Boys is the stuff of a modern horror story, but tragically, the abuse and misconduct at the Panhandle reform school went on for decades. We'll hear from victims, family members and a reporter from our area, who...

[Florida Matters: Curbing Gun Violence \(February 12, 2013\)](#)

More than 1 million Floridians hold concealed weapons permits. Our panelists discuss Florida's efforts to curb gun violence, from mass killings that grab national headlines, to the much more common violence that happens every day.

[Florida Matters: The Future of Florida's Springs \(February 5, 2013\)](#)

Florida has some of the most renowned springs in the world - famed for both their number and the clarity of the water. But ongoing residential development and nutrients flowing into the underground aquifer have combined to cloud the future of the...

[Florida Matters: Future of the FCAT \(January 31, 2013\)](#)

Love it or hate it, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) has reshaped education in our state. Now, it is being replaced by new assessments and something called the "Common Core." A panel of experts at St. Petersburg College discusses...

[Florida Matters: Student Veterans and the Post 9-11 GI Bill \(January 22, 2013\)](#)

Before WWII – college was a dream for most Americans. Then came the GI Bill and almost 8 million veterans got an education.

Now, there's the [Post 9-11 GI Bill](#)...

[Race Matters: MLK, Freedom Riders and Bias in the Media \(January 15, 2013\)](#)

He was a familiar face and voice in the 1960s. On Nov. 19, 1961, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory in Tampa. At the time of the speech, local resident Clarence Fort was a leader in the NAACP's student chapter...

[Florida Matters: 2013 Legislative Preview \(January 8, 2013\)](#)

State lawmakers only have one thing they must do each year and that is to pass a balanced budget. Yet, there are plenty of issues to keep lawmakers busy this year.

Florida Matters offers a preview of the "other" issues lawmakers will address.