

# Quarterly Issues Report

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## **UNIVERSITY BEAT SECOND QUARTER 2013**

*University Beat reports run 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: International Affairs Conference** (week of April 1, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF St. Petersburg welcomed experts from around the world for the first “St. Petersburg in the World Conference on International Affairs.” (Business, Economy, Education, Military, Immigration, Politics, Refugees)

### **University Beat: USF Water-EPA** (week of April 8, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Nancy Stoner from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visited the USF Patel College of Global Sustainability and a number of labs at the Tampa and Lakeland campuses to check out USF research and development efforts. (Agriculture, Business, Economy, Education, Environment, Science)

**University Beat: History Walk** (week of April 15, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF History grad students are leading people on a “walk through time” in downtown Tampa every Friday in April. The most recent walk was a window-shopping stroll along Franklin Street, which reached its peak as the center of downtown’s commercial district in the 1950s. (Business, Economy, Education, Housing, Poverty)

**University Beat: Elevator Interview** (week of April 22, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

USF Business students recently took part in a contest where they had sixty seconds—the length of an elevator ride in one of Tampa’s tallest buildings—to see who had the best self-pitch. (Business, Economy, Education, Labor)

**University Beat: Business Plan Competition** (week of April 29, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Seven small companies founded by USF students faced off in the 2013 Fintech Business Plan Competition to see which one had the best model for success. (Business, Economy, Education, Labor)

**University Beat: Students with Diabetes Conference** (week of May 6, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

A preview of the upcoming third annual Students with Diabetes National Conference, featuring SWD creator, Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson. (Education, Medicine)

**University Beat: USF Pre-College Preview** (week of May 13, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

A preview of USF Pre-College 2013, nine different courses designed to prepare rising high school students for higher learning. (Education, Environment, Science)

**University Beat: Children’s Mental Health** (week of May 20, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

May is “National Mental Health Awareness Month,” so we meet a trio of researchers from the USF Department of Child and Family Studies to talk about “Positive Behavior Support,” an intervention method that mental health professionals are using in over 18-thousand schools to address challenging behavior among children of all ages.

(Children, Education, Medicine)

**University Beat: Behavioral Healthcare Graduates** (week of May 27, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Over six-thousand USF students received their diplomas earlier this month, but a group of four of them stood out as the first graduates in a brand new major. We meet the charter class of Behavioral Healthcare grads, and find out how they’re already serving the community. (AIDS, Children, Crime, Education, Handicapped, Medicine, Science, Violence)

**University Beat: 3-D Campus** (week of June 3, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Researchers at the USF Alliance for Integrated Spatial Technologies are using three-dimensional imaging to create a “virtual campus,” as well as capture both images and information halfway around the world. (Education, Environment, Science)

**University Beat: Life Origins-Meteorite** (week of June 10, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

An interview with Matthew Pasek, a USF geology professor whose research on sites around the world has detected evidence that a key element in the origins of life on Earth was carried here on meteorites.

(Education, Environment, Science)

**University Beat: Students with Diabetes Conference Recap** (week of June 17, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

Recapping the recent three day Students With Diabetes' National Conference hosted by USF Health.

(Education, Medicine)

**University Beat: Dr. Stephen Klasko** (week of June 24, 2013)

By Mark Schreiner

An interview with Doctor Stephen Klasko, CEO of USF Health and dean of the Morsani College of Medicine, who is leaving to become president of Thomas Jefferson University. (Business, Economy,

Education, Medicine, Science)

**FLORIDA MATTERS - SECOND QUARTER 2013**

**Florida Matters Quarterly report April 1-June 30, 2013**

**Time aired: Friday at 7 – 7:30 p.m. on WSMR 89.1 FM**

[How Common Standards Will Change Florida Schools \(June 25, 2013\)](#) (Issue: Education)

Florida is one of 45 states which have fully adopted new English, literacy and math standards for K-12 schools. The standards, known as Common Core, are intended to make sure every high school graduate can handle college-level work.

[Florida Polytechnic Readies for First Students \(June 19, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Education, Politics)

Florida Polytechnic University is quickly taking shape in Polk County. Officials hope to admit the first students in the fall of 2014 -- which means finding those students, housing them, hiring the faculty to teach them and designing a curriculum.

[Florida Matters: Streamlining Foreclosures? \(June 12, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Economy, Politics)

Florida Gov. Rick Scott last week signed into law a bill aimed at speeding up the foreclosure process in the state. In the wake of the housing crisis, Florida has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country.

[Florida Matters: Pinellas Mass Transit Tax Hike Referendum \(June 4, 2013\)](#) (Issues:

Transportation, Politics)

In 2014, voters in Pinellas County will decide whether to raise their sales taxes to pay for major upgrades to the county's public transportation system. That would include what could become the Bay Area's first light rail system.

[Florida Matters: State House Reporters Look Back at the Legislative Session \(May 31, 2013\)](#)

(Issues: Politics, Economy, Business)

What got done in Tallahassee, what didn't and why? And how will it affect you? Ethics and elections reform gets through, but health care expansion does not. And efforts to change alimony and state run Citizens property insurance fell.

[Florida Matters: 2013 Legislative Wrap Up \(May 28, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Politics, Economy, Business)

State lawmakers wrapped up this year's legislative session by passing a \$74.5 billion budget which the governor trimmed to \$74.1 billion. But overall, lawmakers were happy with the budget and proud of their bipartisan spirit.

[Medicaid Expansion and the Florida Legislature \(May 14, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Health Care, Politics)

The debate over Medicaid expansion was one of the biggest issues during this year's legislative session. Florida Matters talks with three Florida lawmakers about why they were unable to agree on a plan that would have expanded health care..

[Florida Matters: The Cost of College \(May 7, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Education, Politics)

The cost of college is rising and more students find themselves repaying loans than ever. Florida Matters talks with two experts about what trends are affecting the cost of earning a college degree and what parents can do to prepare.

[The Gulf of Mexico Three Years After the BP Oil Spill \(May 1, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Environment, Health Care, Politics)

Fish with lesions, diseased livers and spleens - and parts of the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico coated with a toxic slime. These are some of the things researchers continue to find three years after the Deepwater Horizon well exploded.

[Tampa Bay a Craft Beer Mecca \(April 23, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Business, Economy, Politics)

The craft beer craze has taken hold in the Tampa Bay area, which leads the state in brewing the locally-made and creatively-flavored drinks. We'll hear about the phenomenon from some experts -- including a brewery owner and writers who cover the beer culture in Tampa Bay.

[Florida Matters: Spring Break in Syria \(April 16, 2013\)](#) (Issue: International Affairs)

Spring break in Florida is something many college students look forward to, but two University of South Florida students opted to leave the Sunshine State for an environment where sounds of roaring fighter jets, missiles hitting the ground and heavy gunfire are just "background noise."

[Immigration Reform \(April 8, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Immigration, Politics, Human Interest)

This week a bipartisan group of Senators, including Florida's Marco Rubio, are set to release their plan to fix the nation's immigration system. We'll chat with stakeholders in Florida's immigration debate and visit a naturalization ceremony to meet new citizens.

[Florida Matters: Sea Level Rise \(April 2, 2013\)](#) (Issues: Environment, Public Safety, Politics)

What will Florida look like in the next several decades if sea levels continue to rise? Its coastlines would be radically redrawn - with many of our barrier islands under water. That's the opinion of two scientists who were lead authors in several chapters of a report on climate change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.