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University Beat reports run on WUSF 89.7 FM every Tuesday at approximately 6:44 am, 8:44 am and 5:44 pm.

It also runs on WSMR 89.1 & 103.9 FM the following Monday at about 10:25 pm. Each report is between three and a half to four and a half minutes in length.

University Beat: USF 2016-17 (week of January 2, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

With the New Year getting underway, we take a look back at what happened at the University of South Florida in 2016 – and what’s ahead for the one of the area’s largest employers and biggest economic engines with USF System President Judy Genshaft. (Education, Business, Economy, Housing, Medicine)

University Beat: Herd of Thunder-Rome (week of January 9, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

One hundred thirty members of the USF Herd of Thunder Marching Band are back in the U.S. after performing in the New Year’s Day parade in Rome. (Arts, Education)

University Beat: Volcano Research (week of January 16, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Researchers with USF’s Geology program are conducting important research on volcanic eruptions and their damaging effects. We talk with one of the scientists whose recently published work looks at a 2010 eruption in Iceland that interrupted air travel throughout Europe for almost a week. (Education, Science, Business, Transportation)

University Beat: USF St. Pete Business Building (week of January 23, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

For the first time ever, all the classes, students and faculty for the USF St. Petersburg Tiedemann College of Business are under the same roof. The College opened the doors on the new, high-tech Lynn Pippenger Hall this semester. (Education, Business, Economy)

University Beat: USF Health Careers (week of January 30, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF Health is hosting a symposium February 4th targeting students interested in careers in the healthcare industry. They're looking for undergraduates and people in other fields looking to change their professions. (Education, Medicine, Science, Economy, Labor)

University Beat: Sulphur Springs History-Water (week of February 6, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

The Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center is opening its new home with a multi-media exhibition from one of the premier names in museums: the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibit's focus on the importance of water reflects the Museum's new location on the Hillsborough River. In addition to the Smithsonian piece, members of USF's Anthropology Department have put together an exhibit looking at the history of the Sulphur Springs neighborhood. (Arts, Education, Environment, Minorities, Discrimination)

University Beat: Coach Jose Fernandez (week of February 13, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

When the USF women's basketball team beat Memphis last month, it marked the three hundredth career win for head coach Jose Fernandez. Perhaps the most amazing fact is that every one of those victories came at USF. With the postseason just around the corner, this year's team – which comes from around the world – is one of Fernandez's most promising groups. (Education, Women, Immigration)

University Beat: Neighborhood News Bureau (week of February 20, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Health News Florida told you recently how students in a St. Petersburg middle school investigated the amount of lead in the tap water in their homes. They were assisted by students in the USF St. Pete Neighborhood News Bureau, who looked into the economic weakness of the area around the middle school. (Education, Science, Poverty, Economy, Children, Education, Minorities)

University Beat: Forensic Training Facility (week of February 27, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

University of South Florida forensic anthropologists may soon have a facility where they can learn the latest methods of investigation for both indoor and outdoor crime scenes. It's part of a proposed structure in Pasco County where law enforcement will also train for mass shootings and hostage scenarios. (Education, Arts, Science, Violence)

University Beat: Swedish Speaker (week of March 6, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Twice in the last six months, the speaker of the Swedish Parliament stopped by the University of South Florida. The second most powerful man in Sweden's government sat down with students for lengthy conversations both before and after the U.S. Presidential election. We get some of his thoughts on the changing direction of politics, both in here in America and across Europe. (Economy, Politics, Business, Refugee, Violence, Military)

University Beat: Get Innovative (week of March 13, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF's Institute for Advanced Discovery and Innovation is bringing in experts in a number of fields, including health care, engineering and energy. Their goal? Share the lessons they've learned throughout

their lengthy careers, with the aim of creating the next generation of innovators. (Education, Economy, Science, Business)

University Beat: Symphony Composition Contest (week March 20, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

The Florida Orchestra recently gave five USF music students the chance of a lifetime by performing their original compositions. It was part of a contest, and the winning piece will be performed at the Orchestra's season finale concerts this May. We meet the student composers and talk with Orchestra music director Michael Francis about the contest. (Arts, Education)

University Beat: Herd of Thunder-Rome (rebroadcast) (week of March 27, 2017)

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Time aired: Tuesdays at 6:30 – 7 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 – 8 a.m. on WUSF 89.7 FM; Monday at 10 – 10:30 p.m. on WSMR 89.1 FM

Florida Matters Re-Broadcast: The Fight To Save Florida Citrus (March 29, 2017)

The disease called citrus greening has wreaked havoc on our state's most iconic industry. Florida is harvesting the smallest citrus crop in 52 years. State and federal dollars have been pouring into frantic efforts to save groves. (Agriculture, History, Business, Politics)

Florida Matters: PriceCheck Stories (March 22, 2017)

In 1930, a mother in Kansas spent ten days in the hospital to deliver her baby. Total bill? \$66. Well the cost of health care has gone up quite a bit since then -- how can you know how much many medical procedures cost these days? (Health News, Business)

Florida Matters: Restoring The Everglades (March 14, 2017)

The Everglades, Florida's vast fresh water system that starts near Orlando and meanders South, is in trouble. For years environmental advocates and sugar growers have clashed over how to restore the "River of Grass." (Environment, Agriculture, Business, Government)

Florida Matters: 2017 State of the State (March 7, 2017)

Governor Rick Scott kicked off Florida's 2017 legislative session with his annual State of the State address. This week on Florida Matters we're re-broadcasting portions of the governor's speech, which aired live on WUSF 89.7. (Government, Politics, Business, Health News, Environment, Law and Order)

[Florida Matters: 2017 Legislative Preview](#) (February 28, 2017)

The azaleas are in bloom -- that means the legislative session in Tallahassee is just around the corner. What's likely to happen, and how will it affect you? This week on Florida Matters we're exploring some proposals lawmakers are considering this year. (Government, Politics, Business, Health News, Environment, Law and Order)

[Florida Matters: What's Next For Medical Marijuana](#) (February 22, 2017)

Florida voters overwhelmingly approved Amendment 2 last November, expanding the state's medical marijuana program. But how is the government going to implement it? This week on Florida Matters we're exploring the state's rules on medical marijuana. (Health News, Government, Politics)

[Florida Matters: Surviving Gun Violence](#) (February 15, 2017)

You'll often hear the news of young people tragically dying from gun violence. But what about those who live? This week on Florida Matters we're listening to excerpts of the series [Young Survivors..](#) (Law and Order, Government)

[Florida Matters: Saying Goodbye To 'The Greatest Show On Earth'](#) (February 9, 2017)

After 146 years as the "Greatest Show on Earth," the owners of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus have decided to take the tent down. This week on Florida Matters we're exploring the history of the circus and its local ties. (Entertainment, Business, History)

[Florida Matters: The Cost of College](#) (February 1, 2017)

High school seniors are starting to get their final acceptance letters - hopefully - from the colleges of their choice. While they celebrate, parents are trying to figure out how to pay for it all. (Education, Politics)

[Florida Matters: Self-Driving Cars](#) (January 26, 2017)

Self-driving cars – are they the road to the future or pie in the sky? This week on Florida Matters we're talking about the promise and the perils of automated vehicles. You may not have noticed, but Florida has become a hotbed for driverless cars. (Technology, Transportation)

[Florida Matters: TBX Debate](#) (January 18, 2017)

Is it time for the Tampa Bay area to create express toll lanes to speed up urban traffic? Or is it a waste of taxpayer money and an affront to historic neighborhoods? This week on Florida Matters we're talking about the transportation plan known as TBX. (Transportation, Government)

[Florida Matters: The Fight To Save Florida Citrus](#) (January 11, 2017)

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[Florida Matters Re-Broadcast: Nuturing Entrepreneurship In Tampa Bay](#) (January 9, 2017)

The statistics are familiar; most startups don't make it. But job growth and innovation are the life blood of a thriving community. On Florida Matters, we discuss how to grow -- and keep -- successful entrepreneurs in Tampa Bay. (Business, Government)