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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: International Festival (week of Jan. 4, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

More than sixty student groups showed off their ethnic pride at the University of South Florida's recent International Festival. The event exposed students to music, culture, games and food from around the world. (Education, Arts, Under-Served communities, Minorities)

University Beat: Sports & Entertainment Lecture Series (week of Jan. 11, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

The USF Muma College of Business is preparing for its third Sport and Entertainment Lecture Series on January 13th and 14th. This year's free series features a trio of speakers, including Philadelphia 76ers CEO Scott O'Neil, former WNBA president Donna Orender and John Schnatter – better known as pizza boss “Papa John.” (Education, Minorities)

University Beat: Diabetic Health Care Costs (rebroadcast) (week of Jan. 14, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

It's an age-old question that continues even as our nation's healthcare system changes: are higher costs in health care for patients always associated with higher quality goods and services? One USF researcher took on that question, looking at the care that millions of Americans with diabetes receive. (Children, Health, Education, Handicapped, Science) (rebroadcast from 9/7/15)

University Beat: Gun Debate (week of Jan. 25, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

While Florida lawmakers argue over concealed weapons on college campuses, USF students held a forum of their own on the subject. University Beat on WUSF 89.7 takes you to Debate-A-Bull, a recent Student Government-sponsored discussion of this important issue. (Education, Politics, Health, Public Safety)

University Beat: TV-Election Predictions (week of Feb. 1, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

According to research done at the USF Muma College of Business, a person's TV preferences might just be able to predict who they'll vote for in the Presidential Election...with shows like "Duck Dynasty" and "The Daily Show" serving as the leading barometers. As the primary season heats up, University Beat will show how "big data" might be used to forecast the election outcome in swing states. (Politics, Education)

University Beat: Conference on World Affairs (week of Feb 8, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

This year's St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs will be the largest one yet, drawing almost sixty different experts from around the world to USF St. Pete February 17th through 19th. They'll discuss dozens of "hot-button" topics, including Russia, Syria, the Middle East, new media, gun rights and the U.S. Presidential election. (Education, Politics, Minorities, Health, Public Safety, Under Served Communities, Health)

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University Beat: State of USF (week of Feb 15, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

WUSF Public Media is launching a new weekly half hour version of University Beat on WUSF TV this month, and among the highlights of the first program is an interview with University of South Florida President Judy Genshaft. We have highlights of the president's "State of the University" conversation on University Beat on WUSF 89.7. (Education, Politics, Health)

University Beat: Road to the White House (week of Feb 22, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Almost two dozen students in a USF St. Petersburg political science class traveled to New Hampshire to work on presidential campaigns in advance of the first in the nation primary elections.

WUSF's Mark Schreiner joined them in the Granite State, following the group through the last two hectic days of campaigning. Find out what it's like as students do everything they can to help get out the vote for their candidates on University Beat (Education, Politics)

University Beat: Share Your Spare (week of March 7, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Thanks to a campaign with the catchy title of "Share Your Spare," a University of South Florida student who lost her kidneys to cancer is closer to getting a new one. We'll meet Mary Lumapas on University Beat on WUSF 89.7 and find out how the generosity of classmates and USF Student Government might soon change her life. (Education, Health)

University Beat: Solar Research (week of March 14, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

It's called the "Sunshine State," but figures show Florida is only thirteenth in the nation when it comes to the solar power capacity that's been installed around the state. USF is trying to change that, with groundbreaking research and solar installations at both the Tampa and Saint Petersburg campuses. We look at the work, which includes some student-driven initiatives, (Arts, Education)

University Beat: Match Day (week of March 21, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

Match Day

More than 170 University of South Florida medical school students recently opened envelopes that contained the next step on their journey to become physicians. "Match Day" tells future doctors where they'll spend their residencies, and USF's event was certainly dramatic and exciting. (Education, Health)

University Beat: USF Graduate Assistants(week of March 29, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

USF Graduate Assistants

Around half the classes taught at the University of South Florida, along with a large percentage of the research, is being done by 2200 graduate assistants and about 1500 adjunct faculty. Both groups are pushing USF for a number of concessions, including improved pay and other protections. (Education, Health)

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2016 Legislative Preview (January 7, 2016)

The 2016 Florida Legislative session starts Jan. 12, and this week on Florida Matters, we are previewing some of the bills lawmakers are proposing. (Politics, Economics, Health, Education, Public Safety)

Highlights Of 2016 State Of The State (January 12, 2016)

Gov. Rick Scott kicked off the 2016 Florida legislative session Tuesday morning with his annual State of the State address. This week on Florida Matters, we will bring you highlights of Scott's address, along with part of the Democratic response. (Politics, Economics, Health, Education, Public Safety)

State Of The Bay (February 2, 2016)

The Suncoast Tiger Bay Club recently hosted the mayors of St. Petersburg and Tampa for a conversation on the “State Of The Bay.” We’re bringing you highlights of the discussion between Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman. (Politics, Transportation, Business, Culture, Public Safety)

Studying Cuba's Manatees (February 2, 2016)

Florida's population of the iconic manatee has risen in recent years, so much so that federal wildlife officials say they're no longer endangered, and could be down-listed to threatened by next year. Cuba has an extensive population of manatees. (Culture, Environment, Politics, Education, Science)

Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster, 30 Years Later (February 2, 2016)

It has been 30 years since the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded off the coast of Cape Canaveral. All seven crew members, including teacher Christa McAuliffe, were killed. This week on Florida Matters, we'll remember the disaster.

Express Toll Lanes Debate (February 9, 2016)

What are the pros and cons of the Tampa Bay Express project, which includes adding express toll lanes on interstates around the Tampa Bay area? This week on Florida Matters, we bring you both sides of the debate. (Transportation, Politics, Economics, Under-Served Communities, History)

USFSP Students & Presidential Politics (February 17, 2016)

College students in the Road To The White House course at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg have just returned from working on the New Hampshire primary. They join us to talk about what it's like to be up close to the candidates and their campaigns. (Politics, Education, History)

Gun Debate (February 23, 2016)

The members of the Manatee Tiger Bay Club recently debated the issues of guns. This week on Florida Matters, we feature highlights of the conversation, which was moderated by Manatee Tiger Bay Club President Ben Bakker. (Public Safety, Politics)

Rhea Chiles Tribute (March 1, 2016)

Rhea Chiles, the widow of former governor Lawton Chiles, died last November in her home on Anna Maria Island, at the age of 84. She dedicated her life to improving the lives of children in Florida. The University of South Florida's College of Public Health. (Health, Environment, Under-Served Communities, Politics)

Florida Presidential Primary (March 8, 2016)

Voters in Florida are casting early ballots and candidates are holding campaign events across the state ahead of the primary on Tuesday. This week on Florida Matters, we're taking a look at what's at stake for Florida's voters -- and the candidates. (Politics, Education, Environment, Public Safety)

Growing Up Jewish In Polk County (March 15, 2016)

WUSF's Robin Sussingham recently hosted “Our Jewish Communion: Religious Identity and Growing Up Jewish in Polk County” at Florida Southern College in Lakeland to discuss what it was like to come of age in a predominantly Christian region. (Culture, History, Religion)

2016 Legislative Debrief (March 22, 2016)

The Florida legislative session has ended, and this week on Florida Matters, we're taking a look at what bills passed, what bills died and what it means to Floridians. (Politics, Education, Health, Public Safety)

Florida Matters: The Dozier School (March 29, 2016)

The Tampa Bay History Center recently hosted a panel discussion on the now-closed Dozier School for Boys. The reform school in the Florida Panhandle has been known for decades for abuse, torture, and even murder. (History, Public Safety, Under-Served Communities)