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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: Tillman Scholars (week of June 29, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

The Pat Tillman Foundation is named after a former NFL player who died while serving as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan in 2004. Every year, the Foundation chooses 60 military veterans or their spouses as Tillman Scholars, honoring them for strength in character, academic excellence and their potential. Two University of South Florida student veterans – including one who served in the same unit as Tillman – were saluted this year. (Education)

University Beat: Food Photography Class (week of July 6, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

From the farm and the field to the kitchen and market, students in a week-long USF St. Petersburg class hit the road to learn the tricks of the trade of food photography. (Arts, Education, Agriculture)

University Beat: Bacteria-Premies (week of July 13, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says one out of nine babies in the U.S. is born prematurely. Now the USF College of Nursing has received a \$2.7 million grant to study DNA from babies' stomach bacteria to see how premature birth affects their growth and development. (Children, Medicine, Science)

University Beat: Living Learning Communities (week of July 20, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

USF boasts a dozen Living Learning Communities, where students connect with classmates, faculty and staff – right where they live. The students reside in places that emphasize a common major or area of interest. (Education, Business, Medicine, Science)

University Beat: FL Inventors Hall of Fame (rebroadcast) (week of July 27, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame, which is based at the University of South Florida, has named its 2015 inductees. The seven innovators chosen include automotive giant Henry Ford, and combined, they hold more than 430 U.S. patents. (Education, Business, Science, Women) (originally aired week of June 1, 2015)

University Beat: USF Pre-College (week of August 3, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

USF's Pre-College Summer Program is a collection of classes that brings high school students from around the country and the world to USF for their first taste of college life. Classes this year, which ran from June through August, included business, arts, STEM and medicine. (Education, Science, Medicine, Arts)

University Beat: Dozier Update (week of August 10, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

Allegations of abuse, along with mysterious student deaths, haunted the Dozier School for Boys in the Florida panhandle for decades. USF researchers have been investigating the now closed reform school, with a particular emphasis on an unmarked graveyard that held the bodies of 55 students. The remains of one of those students has recently been identified. (Education, Science, Crime, Violence, Minorities, Children)

University Beat: Gaming-Social Studies (week of August 17, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

Since the 1970's and 80's, computer programs like "Oregon Trail" and "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?" have shown that video games can be used to help teach social studies. Public TV station WNET created the newest such tool with "Mission U-S," a first-person, historically rich game that immerses middle school students in the lives of characters like a printer's apprentice in Boston in 1770 and a Jewish immigrant from Russia in New York City in 1907. USF, along with WNET and WUSF, is helping Bay Area teachers figure out how to best use the game in the classroom. (Education, Minorities, Immigration, Arts)

University Beat: Week of Welcome (week of August 24, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

Some 3500 young people moved into residence halls at USF's Tampa campus last week, and we tagged along on their first day as they got settled into their new homes. USF is trying to keep them engaged right away with a "Week of Welcome." (Education)

University Beat: Innovation Corps (week of August 31, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

For the past few years, the University of South Florida has ranked as one of the top U.S. universities when it comes to the number of patents granted. As a result, the school is one of only three dozen institutes nationwide to be recognized as an "Innovation Corps Site" by the National Science Foundation. That means USF will help inventors, not just from the university but around the region, learn how to turn their ideas into potential products. (Education, Business, Science, Medicine)

University Beat: Diabetes Healthcare Cost (week of September 7, 2015)

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. (Business, Medicine, Science)

University Beat: Business Success Center (week of September 14, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

For the third time in the last twelve months, the USF Muma College of Business has received a multi-million dollar gift from an alumnus. Florida businessman Barry Collier and his wife, Dana, gave the College \$10.85 million. But this time, instead of naming a school after them, the gift creates the "Collier Student Success Center." It brings together a half dozen programs designed to help students graduate on time with the skills that will help them find jobs in today's competitive business world. (Business, Education, Poverty)

University Beat: Business Scholarships (week of September 21, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

The recent USF Muma College of Business Scholarship Luncheon honored nearly 175 students who received almost 450-thousand dollars in awards. We meet a new scholarship recipient and catch up with some previous award-winning students who share what someone else's generosity means to them. (Business, Education, Poverty)

University Beat: USFSP 50th Anniversary (week of September 28, 2015)

By Mark Schreiner

2015 is a special year for the University of South Florida System, as USF Saint Petersburg and USF Sarasota-Manatee both celebrate important anniversaries. We start a look at how both campuses are commemorating these milestones and what their plans are going forward with a recap of USF St. Pete's recent wet – and sometimes wild – 50th anniversary block party. (Education, Arts)

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[Changing Gears Mid-Career](#) (September 23, 2015)

Why are more and more people starting new careers during their second half of life? We take a look at the national movement, and the efforts under way in the Tampa Bay area to connect Floridians with meaningful work. (Aging, Culture, Health Topics)

[Heroin In Manatee County](#) (September 17, 2015)

Heroin overdoses are rising most everywhere, but perhaps nowhere more dramatically than in Manatee County. That was the topic at a recent meeting of the Manatee Tiger Bay Club in Bradenton. (Health Issues, Public Safety, Law and Order)

[Florida Matters Town Hall: The Rising Tide Of HIV](#) (September 8, 2015)

In 2013, Florida had more new cases of HIV than anywhere else in the nation. When it comes to the presence of HIV in Florida, the state's six largest metropolitan areas could be states unto themselves. On Tuesday, Sept. 1, we hosted a special town hall meeting on HIV. (Health Issues, Public Safety, Law and Order)

[Education Town Hall](#) (August 31, 2015)

This week on Florida Matters, we're bringing you highlights of an education town hall hosted by WUSF at Artz 4 Life Academy in Clearwater on March 10. We check in with a panel of education experts, and we hear from parents in Pinellas County. (Education, Business, Parenting)

[Exploring Tampa Bay's Beaches](#) (August 25, 2015)

The Tampa Bay Area has some of the best beaches in the nation, and you likely have your favorite. This week on Florida Matters, we're going to take you on a tour of some of those beaches. We take a look at the stress of parking, hear recollections and more. (Tourism, Business)

[Tampa International CEO Joe Lopano](#) (August 18, 2015)

Big changes are coming to Tampa International Airport, and this week on Florida Matters, we're bringing you a special newsmaker edition of the show with airport CEO Joe Lopano. (Transportation, Business)

[Arts In Manatee County](#) (August 11, 2015)

Sarasota is known around the world for its arts scene. Can Bradenton and Manatee County become a destination for arts and culture? We're bringing you highlights of a recent Manatee Tiger Bay Club discussion with Dr. Robyn Bell. (Arts, Philanthropy, Business, Culture)

[The Florida Citrus Industry](#) (August 4, 2015)

Florida's citrus industry is hurting in a big way. The final report of the growing season by the U.S. Department of Agriculture put Florida orange production for the 2014-15 season at 96.7 million boxes, a drop of 4 percent from last year. (Agriculture, Business)

[Homelessness Among Florida's Students](#) (July 28, 2015)

When it comes to children, the definition of homeless includes more children than you may think. Under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, children who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds -- or doubled-up with relatives or friends -- are homeless, as well as those who stay in shelters, on the street or in abandoned buildings. (Homelessness, Minorities, Law and Order)

[Hunting Black Bears](#) (July 21, 2015)

Back in June, state officials decided to allow bear hunting in Florida for the first time in 20 years. The season will open on Oct. 24, and could last for up to a week. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says the hunt is part of its comprehensive bear management plan, and will be open in four of the seven "Bear Management Units." We take a look at the rise of the black bear population -- and their shrinking habitat. (Environment, Politics)

[Planning for Death](#) (July 14, 2015)

The end-of-life is not the easiest topic to bring up with a loved one, and the experts say many folks just don't do it. Beginning next year, Medicare plans to pay doctors to do voluntary counseling with patients about end-of-life care. (Health Issues, Aging)

[The Supreme Court's Decision On Same-Sex Marriage](#) (July 7, 2015)

Same-sex couples have been able to marry in Florida since Jan. 6, 2015. On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is legal nationwide. What are the impacts of this ruling on Florida's same-sex couples? (Sexual Preferences, Culture, Politics)