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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: Downtown USF College of Medicine (week of October 2, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

The University of South Florida's new Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute is scheduled to open in 2019 as one of the cornerstones of Water Street Tampa. The \$3 billion redevelopment of downtown is the idea of Lightning owner Jeff Vinik, who was recently joined by officials from USF and the city to celebrate the start of construction. (Medicine, Science, Education, Business, Economy)

University Beat: USF St. Petersburg-Student Newspaper (week of October 16, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

There's been turmoil recently on the USF St. Petersburg campus with the unexpected departure of Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. We sit down with reporters and editors from the campus newspaper, "The Crow's Nest," to discuss the challenges student journalists face covering such a controversial story. (Education)

University Beat: USF St. Petersburg-Martin Tadlock (week of October 23, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

We're sitting down with the interim Regional Chancellor for USF St. Petersburg, Martin Tadlock, to find out what he's hearing on campus and what his plans are in the wake of the unexpected departure of Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. (Education)

University Beat: St. Petersburg Mayor (week of October 30, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

St. Pete Mayoral candidates Rick Kriseman and Rick Baker were scheduled to visit a USF St. Petersburg American Government class designed to introduce students to Civics. University Beat on WUSF 89.7 was there, so you'll hear what the students had to say about the experience, as well as their thoughts about politics on the local and national level. (Politics, Education)

University Beat: Research Vessel (week of November 6, 2107)

By Mark Schreiner

A new, state-of-the-art research vessel is now docked at its home base in St. Petersburg. The *W.T. Hogarth* is a 78-foot ship that will be used by researchers from the USF College of Marine Science and almost thirty other state universities and other research institutes that make up the Florida Institute of Oceanography. (Education, Science, Environment)

University Beat: Unstoppable (week of November 13, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

For the past decade, the University of South Florida has been holding its "Unstoppable" fund-raising campaign. The ultimate goal is to bring in \$1 billion that will benefit a variety of programs, including health and research, as well as students and faculty. USF recently held a gala celebrating "Unstoppable" – and there was a major announcement. (Education, Business, Women, Medicine)

University Beat: Symphony Composition Contest (rebroadcast) (week of November 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 was performed at the Orchestra's season finale concerts earlier this year. We meet the student composers and talk with Orchestra music director Michael Francis about the contest. (Arts, Education) (originally aired 3/21/17)

University Beat: Gopher Tortoises (week of November 27, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

A researcher and students at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee don't have to go far to observe gopher tortoises in the wild – they walk out the front door and visit the animals right on campus! The group is mapping tortoise burrows, identifying the plants they eat and trying to determine whether the species is thriving or needs help. (Education, Environment, Science)

University Beat: Finals-Stress Relief (rebroadcast) (week of December 4, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF students are wrapping up the semester with final exams, and there's a lot of stress that comes with them. This past May, we took a look at some of the novel ways organizations around campus help students cope, including pet therapy and a "midnight scream session." (Education) (originally aired 5/1/17)

University Beat: Christopher Hill (week of December 11, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Tensions seem to rise between the United States and North Korea with each development related to their nuclear weapons program – often followed by a tweet from President Trump. Former U.S. Ambassador Chris Hill served as the head of the American delegation to the six-party talks aimed at resolving the North Korea nuclear issue. He recently visited USF to share his thoughts about the two countries' relationship and if diplomacy can save it. (Education, Politics, Military, Arms Control)

University Beat: Grace Byers (week of December 18, 2017)

By Jackson Cardarelli

Hollywood actress Grace Byers stars on the hit TV series 'Empire.' But before her days of celebrity, she was a theater major at the University of South Florida. (Education, Arts, Women, Children)

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[Florida Matters: Telling Tampa Bay Stories – Progress Village Part 1](#) (December 14, 2017)

Progress Village was Tampa's first affordable housing suburb, and this week on Florida Matters we'll hear its story. WUSF launched an ongoing series in 2015 called Telling Tampa Bay Stories that highlights neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay area and the people who make them special. (Minority issues, Health, Women, Families, Arts, Business, Economy, Education)

[Florida Matters Re-Broadcast: Food As Muse](#) (December 8, 2017)

Sometimes when something is as universal, necessary and mundane as eating, it's hard to make "food" sound special. But not for the people on this Florida Matters. WUSF has been talking to people who communicate their passion about food in particularly interesting ways. (Food, Women, Business, Families)

[Florida Matters: Live Music Tour Of Tampa Bay](#) (December 4, 2017)

Throughout this past year, members of WUSF 89.7 and Classical WSMR have been highlighting live music that makes the Tampa Bay Area a little more special as part of our ongoing Art Populi series. (Art, Music, Business)

[Florida Matters News Roundtable: The Puerto Rican Migration](#) (November 27, 2017)

More than two months after Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico, thousands are still fleeing the island and many are coming to Florida. This week on Florida Matters we'll discuss the impact of the Puerto Rican migration to Florida. (Hispanic issues, Politics, Environment, Government)

[Florida Matters: Solar Power In The Sunshine State](#) (November 16, 2017)

This is the Sunshine State, so doesn't solar power make sense? Then why does it only make up a tiny fraction of Florida's electricity output? This week on Florida Matters we're talking about the promise and prognosis of solar energy in the state. (Energy, Business, Government)

[Florida Matters: 2017 Festival Of Reading](#) (November 8, 2017)

Books, music, authors, food -- it's time for the 25th annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading. This week on Florida Matters we're talking with three of the authors that will be featured in the event, held Saturday November 11 at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. (Education, Publishing, Arts)

[Florida Matters: Shining Light On The Power Grid](#) (November 2, 2017)

Florida's power companies have invested billions and billions of dollars to harden the electrical grid since the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005. Could you tell? If you lost power after Hurricane

Irma – and 6.5 million homes did – it may have been hard to discern how things have improved in the last dozen years. (Energy, Business, Government, Neighborhoods)

[Florida Matters: Promoting Bipartisanship](#) (October 18, 2017)

Bipartisanship in Washington -- or lack thereof -- and what Florida voters can do about it. That's what two former Congressman are talking about in a series of town halls around the state.

Former Congressmen David Jolly and Patrick Murphy have teamed up on a [speaking tour](#) called *Why Gridlock Rules Washington and How We Can Solve the Crisis*. (Government)

[Florida Matters: Ethnic Newspapers In Tampa Bay](#) (October 11, 2017)

One of the area's leading African American family-owned newspapers, The Weekly Challenger in St. Petersburg, just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Tampa's preeminent Hispanic newspaper, La Gaceta, is approaching 100 years. (Hispanic issues, Minority issues, History, Neighborhoods)