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University Beat reports run on WUSF 89.7 FM every Wednesday 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.

[USF, Tampa Bay Area React To President Currall](#) (Mar 27, 2019) When [Steven Currall](#) takes over for the retiring Judy Genshaft as president of the [University of South Florida](#) in July, he'll be stepping into a school in transition. (Higher Education)

[How USF Landed Steven Currall As President](#) (Mar 25, 2019) Later this week, the [Florida Board of Governors](#) will meet to approve Steven Currall as the president of the [University of South Florida](#). The USF Board of Trustees [selected Currall](#) to serve as the school's seventh president in a unanimous vote Friday. (Higher Education)

[USF St. Petersburg Professor Explores Post-Civil War Environmental Changes](#) (Mar 13, 2019) Burned fields. Cut down trees. Obliterated fencing. Thousands upon thousands of muddy tracks from foot traffic. A small-scale drought. Those were just some of the changes that affected the rural South's landscape post-Civil War. (History, Education)

['Mom-preneur' Creates A Perfect Fit In Girls Shoes](#) (Feb 27, 2019) The proverb "necessity is the mother of invention" is especially true in the case of Colette Glover-Hannah. The latest entry into University Beat's [series on entrepreneurs](#) with ties to the [University of South Florida](#) – in this case, a self-proclaimed "momprenneur" – came up with the idea of her company, (Minorities, Business, Education)

['Public Health Knows No Borders' - Symposium Looks At Security, Infectious Disease](#) (Feb 20, 2019) With Florida being an international travel destination, there could be a risk for infectious diseases from foreign countries. And the risk of bioterrorism remains a possibility as well. These and other topics will be the focus as the [University of South Florida](#) hosts the first ever [Global Health, Diplomacy and National Security Symposium](#) Feb. 28 in Tampa. (Health, Global Security, Education)

[USF Produces More Fulbright Scholars Than Any Other U.S. University](#) (Feb 19, 2019) The University of South Florida is the 2018-19 top producer of Fulbright Scholars with 12 recipients, according to the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#). The accomplishment places the institution among top research schools like Michigan State University, UCLA, and Notre Dame. (Higher Education)

[Florida Orchestra To Premiere USF Professor's Original Piece](#) (Feb 14, 2019) A [University of South Florida music](#) composition professor's latest work is getting a high-profile debut this week at the hands of the [Florida Orchestra](#). [Baljinder Sekhon](#)'s "Stars" will open a trio of [Masterworks Series concerts](#) that also feature Holst's "The Planets" and Debussy's "Nocturnes." (Music, Education)

[**UMBC's Freeman Hrabowski To Speak About Education Diversity**](#) (Feb 6, 2019) During his 27-year tenure as president of the [University of Maryland, Baltimore County](#) (UMBC), [Freeman Hrabowski III](#) has helped convert the school into one that's recognized for its success in research and instruction. In particular, UMBC been noted in helping students from diverse backgrounds graduate and find careers. (Minorities, Higher Education)

[**USF Entrepreneur Turns Family Dream Into 'Yummi' Business**](#) (Jan 30, 2019) When Adriana Florez's family came to the U.S. from Colombia a little over a decade ago, each family member was only allowed to bring two bags. The night before they set off, she caught her mother packing an empanada maker. (Minorities, Business, Education)

[**USF Health Welcomes Former Pasteur Institute President**](#) (Jan 23, 2019) [USF Health](#) is continuing to strengthen its offerings in both research and treatment of diseases by recruiting high-profile scientists and physicians from around the world. One of their latest additions is Dr. Christian Bréchet, the [former president](#) of France's renowned [Pasteur Institute](#). (Foreign Affairs, Medicine, Higher Education)

[**USF St. Petersburg Striving To Reduce Carbon Footprint**](#) (Jan 15, 2019) As [USF St. Petersburg](#) works to set new sustainability standards, the campus continues to implement eco-friendly projects. In 2016, USFSP adopted a [Climate Action Plan](#) and pledged to achieve two goals: to reduce its baseline greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2035 and to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. (Climate Change, Education)

[**USF Honors Students Share Class With Children In Japan**](#) (Jan 9, 2019) On a Monday night at the University of South Florida, 14 honors students and their professor filled a conference room in the school's John and Grace Allen building. Their days were almost over, but for the other students who were about to join them, theirs were just beginning. (World Affairs, Education)

[**The Nose May Know When It Comes To Food Choice**](#) (Jan 3, 2019) If your New Year's resolution is cutting down on sweets and other foods that aren't good for you – you may want to follow your nose. (Food, Medicine, Health, Education)

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