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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: FL Inventors Hall of Fame (week of April 3, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

The 2017 class of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame has been announced. Collectively, the eight honorees hold more than 260 U.S. patents. Meet USF Electrical Engineering Professor Richard Gitlin, who's being honored for his creations in two fields: digital communications and medical devices. (Science, Education, Economy)

University Beat: Shakespeare in Health (week of April 10, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Shakespeare's "four humors" are not about comedy, but about the physical qualities that determined the behavior of all living things. The USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library has a National Institutes of Health exhibit examining Shakespeare's ties to medicine on display. (Arts, Education, Medicine)

University Beat: Japan-Refugee Research (week of April 17, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF Sarasota-Manatee professor of education, Jody McBrien, has traveled to almost forty countries, where she's worked with many refugees, as well as some who have resettled in America. She's living in Japan for the next four months, learning about how Asian countries are dealing with Syrian refugees. (Education, Immigration, Refugees)

University Beat: Prison Debate (week of April 24, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Members of the USF Sarasota-Manatee criminology club faced a couple of challenges recently during a debate on reinstating the draft. First, they only had two weeks to prepare. Second, their opponents would have the “home field” advantage. That’s because the students were taking on a team of inmates at the Hardee Correctional Institution. (Education, Crime, Violence)

University Beat: Finals-Stress Relief (week of May 1, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF students are wrapping up the school year with final exams, and there’s a lot of stress that comes with them. A number of organizations around campus have come up with ways to help them cope, including pet therapy and a “midnight scream session.” (Education)

University Beat: Med School Advice (week of May 8, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

More than 160 students recently graduated from the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. During their commencement ceremony, they heard from Doctor Victor Dzau, the President of the National Academy of Medicine. Dzau shared some advice with the new physicians and also spoke about what he sees for the future of medicine. (Education, Medicine)

University Beat: Cesar Hernandez (week of May 15, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Cesar Hernandez was student body president while at USF, where he also founded a humanitarian organization and won an international speech competition. Now, he’s working on the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit’s electric vehicle program, and he’s the youngest member of an Ivy League Executive MBA program. (Education, Immigration, Minorities, Transportation, Economy)

University Beat: Financial Planning Degree (week of May 22, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

USF’s Muma College of Business is offering a new major this fall: personal financial planning. It’s being done in part because so many current advisors are retiring, and not enough young people are replacing them. We talk with college officials, prospective students and some of the working professionals who will serve as advisors to the new program. (Education, Economy, Business, Retirement)

University Beat: Physician Assistant Program (week of May 29, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Thirty students are pioneers of a sort, as they’re members of the inaugural class of the USF Health Physician Assistant program. The group is embarking on an intense two-year education process that their teachers say is as demanding as the one doctors go through. (Education, Medicine, Science)

University Beat: Mindy Thomas (week of June 5, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

For the first time in its 47 year history, NPR has a program, a podcast, targeting children – and it has a University of South Florida connection. “Wow in the World” is co-hosted by NPR’s Guy Raz and Sirius X-M’s Mindy Thomas, a graduate of USF. (Education, Arts, Science, Children)

University Beat: Summer Scholarships (week of June 12, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

If more USF students graduated within four years or so of enrolling, it would help their bottom line while meeting one of the university’s biggest goals. So the school is offering students who are close to getting their degrees scholarships to cover up to 12 credit hours this summer. (Education, Economy, Labor)

University Beat: NASA-Deep Sea (week June 19, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Scientists interested in finding out how the human body and brain can handle long distance trips to Mars can't just shoot test subjects into space - but they can put them at the bottom of the ocean! A USF professor is one of four researchers on an international team currently working in an undersea habitat just off the Florida Keys. (Education, Science)

University Beat: USFSM-Stetson Law (week of June 26, 2017)

By Mark Schreiner

Students at USF Sarasota-Manatee interested in pursuing a law degree will soon find an easier path at Stetson University College of Law. Under a new agreement, students will get automatic entry – and a scholarship – at the law school if they meet certain requirements. (Education)

FLORIDA MATTERS – SECOND QUARTER, 2017

Florida Matters Quarterly report April 1-June 30, 2017

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: Veteran Suicide Part 1](#) (June 27, 2017)

Our country asks a lot of its military members, most recently during the many years of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. The multiple deployments during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn have taken their toll. (Military affairs, Health, Government)

[Florida Matters Re-Broadcast: Food Insecurity Town Hall](#) (June 21, 2017)

Polk County is a place of so many contradictions. It's the home of beautiful lakes, charming downtowns and historic landmarks. But this birthplace of several of Florida's governors, was also named by [one recent study](#) as having the country's second largest percentage of people struggling to avoid hunger. (Health)

[Florida Matters: Zika In 2017](#) (June 14, 2017)

Summer is upon us and that means more of the bugs that made international headlines last year – mosquitos. What progress has been made in the fight against the Zika virus? Can we cure Zika, or prevent it? And what can residents do to help? (Health, Government)

[Florida Matters Newsmaker: Dr. Susan MacManus and Florida's Minority Trailblazers](#) (June 6, 2017)

She's one of the most sought-after political analysts in Florida and the nation, and she has a new book out, "Florida's Minority Trailblazers: The Men and Women who Changed the Face of Florida Government." Our latest Florida Matters "Newsmaker" is University of South Florida political science professor Dr. Susan MacManus. (Minorities, Native Americans, Hispanics)

[Florida Matters: 2017 Hurricane Season Preview](#) (May 30, 2017)

It's that time of year again, the Atlantic hurricane season is upon us. This week on Florida Matters we're taking a look at how various areas of the state are preparing for hurricane season, and at some new changes in storm response efforts. (Weather, Law and Order, Science, Government)

[Florida Matters: Beach Renourishment](#) (May 24, 2017)

It costs a lot of money to keep Florida's beaches "postcard ready." How much sand is on your favorite beach? In some cases, not quite enough. In his past spring, Pinellas County State Senator Jack Latvala and Representative Kathleen Peters sponsored bills aimed at saving the state's beaches from continued erosion. (Environment, Tourism, Government)

[Florida Matters: How Wildfires Impact Our State](#) (May 18, 2017)

State officials say Florida is having one of its worst wildfire seasons in years. This week on Florida Matters we're talking about the impact these fires have on the state's environment and economy, and whether there's an end in sight for this dry season. (Environment, Agriculture, Business)

[Florida Matters: 2017 Legislative Roundup](#) (May 10, 2017)

It took them three days longer than it was supposed to, but Florida lawmakers have finally passed a new state budget. This week on Florida Matters we'll take a look at what's in the \$83 billion spending plan along with a few other issues decided during the 60-day session. (Government, Business, Tourism, Agriculture, Economy)

[Florida Matters: Libraries In The 21st Century](#) (May 3, 2017)

There was a time when the only place to get a book was to buy it from a store or borrow it from a library. Now in two clicks we can read it on an iPad. What's the future role of libraries in today's digital landscape? This week on Florida Matters we're talking to people who work in libraries about what might be in store for the future. (Education)

[Florida Matters: LGBT Issues](#) (April 26, 2017)

The Trump administration says bathroom use policies regarding gender are best left at the local level, while state lawmakers are considering new workplace protections aimed at the LGBT community. This week on Florida Matters we're talking about the latest policy debates surrounding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in Florida. (LGBT issues, Health, Government)

[Florida Matters Town Hall: Food Insecurity In Polk County](#) (April 19, 2017)

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[Florida Matters: The Phosphate Industry](#) (April 12, 2017)

Phosphate mining and production takes a heavy toll on the state's environment. But the industry also plays a key role in Florida's economy. This week on Florida Matters we're exploring what phosphate contributes to the state, and at what price. (Business, Environment, Government)

[Florida Matters Re-Broadcast: Self-Driving Cars](#) (April 5, 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 car technology. The self-driving vehicle is quickly moving from the Jetsons to a road near you! (Transportation, Technology)

Quarterly Issues Report WUSF News Stories April 1 – June 30, 2017

(See Attached Excel Files)