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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 Researcher Kimmerle Laments 'Disappointing' End Of Pasco 'Body Farm'](#) (Sep 25, 2019) In March, WUSF was the only media outlet invited to join students and agents from the FBI [on a visit](#) to a University of South Florida-run facility where researchers learn what happens to the dead when they're exposed to Florida's elements. But USF will lose its access to the site in a few years, raising questions of both why and what's next. (Higher education, law and order, science)

[NFL, Media And Head Injuries Focus Of New Book By USF Faculty Members](#) (Sep 18, 2019) Over the last two decades or so, CTE – short for chronic traumatic encephalopathy – has become almost synonymous with the National Football League. The media's role in the relationship between the football and concussions and other brain injuries is the subject of a new book called [CTE, Media, and the NFL: Framing a Public Health Crisis as a Football Epidemic](#). (Higher education, sports, health care, media)

[Air Pollution Unequally Affects People In Tampa, Study Says](#) (Sep 11, 2019) New data recently released shows that people of color are more exposed to air pollutants from Tampa Bay's busy roadways. We spoke with [Amy Stuart](#), a professor in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida, who is one of the researchers behind [this study](#). (Higher education, health care, environment)

[Drinking Can Be A Problem For Couples, Research Shows There Are Ways To Work It Out](#) (Sep 4, 2019) Drinking is one of the top reasons for divorce in married couples. And while alcohol can be a problem for couples of all ages, a psychology researcher at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg says there are ways to work through it. (Higher education, health care, psychology)

[For A Better Dining Experience, Please Be Seated](#) (Aug 28, 2019) If you want to enjoy the food you're eating more, a sensory marketing expert from the University of South Florida suggests you have a seat. Unless it's broccoli - then you might want to stand up. (Higher education, health care, food)

[Video Of Giant Squid In Gulf Of Mexico Sheds Light On Deep Sea Mysteries](#) (Jul 31, 2019) USFSP marine biologist Heather Judkins describes how scientists captured the first ever video of a giant squid in U.S. waters, and why it's important to study creatures in the deep sea. Sailing on a research cruise in the Gulf of Mexico last month to study deep sea creatures that make their own light – like jellyfish, anglerfish and shrimp – a team of scientists worked long hours and grabbed naps when they could. (Higher education, science, environment)

['Shipwreck Hunter' David Mearns Talks About Thrill Of Research And Discovery](#) (Aug 24, 2019) In 1986, David Mearns received his Master's degree in Marine Geology from the University of South Florida [College of Marine Science](#). Since then, he's become one of the world's most renowned shipwreck hunters, with 25 discoveries and three world records, including one for the deepest shipwreck ever found.

[USF Receives \\$7.5 Million To Form Transportation Center](#) (Jul 17, 2019) When Robert Bertini was a graduate student at Berkeley, he received a fellowship from a [University Transportation Center](#), or UTC. Today, he's the director of the University of South Florida's [Center for Urban Transportation Research](#), which recently received \$7.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to open its own UTC. (Higher Education, transportation)

[Steven Currall Talks Leadership Style, Expectations As USF President](#) (Jul 10, 2019) [Steven Currall](#) is settling in as the President of the [University of South Florida](#). Currall, 60, officially became the university's seventh president on July 1. (Higher education, science, business, health care)

[Meet Steven Currall, The New USF President](#) (Jul 3, 2019) For the first time since 2000, the [University of South Florida](#) has a new president. [Steven Currall](#), who was named to the job in March, officially became the university's seventh president on July 1. (Higher Education)

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[The Buzz On Florida's Honey Bees](#) (Oct 1, 2019) Florida is one of the nation's largest producers of honey and is a hub for beekeeping, both commercially and as a hobby. [In a special reporting collaboration](#), WUSF News and the Zest Podcast are taking a closer look at honey bees over the next few weeks. (Agriculture, business, environment)

[StoryCorps Taking 'One Small Step' To Reduce Toxic Talk Over Politics](#) (Sep 10, 2019) Over the next few weeks, WUSF will be sharing stories produced for [One Small Step](#), the latest project from StoryCorps. Each segment features two strangers, with completely different political beliefs, sitting down together and having a conversation. (Culture, politics)

[Preparing for Hurricane Dorian](#) (Aug 30, 2019) Hurricane Dorian may become the strongest storm to hit Florida's east coast since Hurricane Andrew. As The Florida Round was going on the air, it was tracking closer to the coast, but there were still lots of questions about where it will actually go. (Weather, science, business)

[Saving Florida's Coral Reefs](#) (Aug 27, 2019) Florida's coral reefs are in trouble. Scientists say they've been declining for decades. But researchers have very recently come up with some exciting results that they say show promise in restoring these beautiful and important marine communities. (Science, environment, marine science)

[Keeping Sewage Out Of Florida's Waterways](#) (Aug 13, 2019) This week on Florida Matters we talk about what communities are doing to keep from releasing sewage and other contaminants into our local waterways. Part of the problem comes from aging wastewater and stormwater systems. (Environment, marine science, politics, infrastructure)

[**Get A Taste Of Florida's Wine Industry**](#) (Aug 6, 2019) Many people may not realize that wine making in Florida is a billion-dollar industry. There are dozens of wineries across the state employing nearly 100,000 people, and university research departments dedicated to viticulture. (Business, agriculture, higher education)

[**Why Tampa Bay Is Becoming A Craft Beer Hub**](#) (Jul 31, 2019) The Tampa Bay area is becoming a hub for craft beer both statewide and nationally, with the highest density of breweries in Florida. This week on Florida Matters, we take another listen to our show about beer. (Business, politics, beer)

[**Rep. James Grant Warns People Shouldn't 'Play Games' With Florida's Constitution**](#) (Jul 29, 2019) A proposed new "citizens amendment" could be on the ballot for Florida voters in 2020. It would replace two words in the state constitution with one word. Instead saying every citizen can vote, it would say only a citizen can vote. (Politics, immigration)

[**CBD: What's In It, And How To Spot Scams**](#) (Jul 23, 2019) CBD is showing up more and more in Florida, from gas stations to grocery stores. It was being sold long before it became legal in the state on July 1. But there is a lot of confusion about whether it's safe and what is legitimate. (Business, agriculture, politics, health care)

[**Sea Turtle Populations On The Rise In Florida But Still Face Threats**](#) (Jul 16, 2019) They've had to battle shark attacks, pollution, massive beach developments and confusing light sources, but sea turtles are bouncing back. With nesting season well underway, Florida Matters host Robin Sussingham speaks with experts about how sea turtles are faring and efforts to protect them in our state. (Marine science, environment, politics)

[**Remembering 'One Giant Leap For Mankind' 50 Years After The Moon Landing**](#) (Jul 9, 2019) Saturday, July 20, marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, considered by many to be one of the most significant achievements in U.S. history. This week on Florida Matters we talk with a filmmaker who produced a documentary about the historic event.

[**Summer Book Recommendations With A Florida Focus**](#) (Jul 2, 2019) Summer can be a great time to catch up on reading, so this week Florida Matters is offering up recommendations for good books to check out this season. (Education)