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The following is a report on Public Affairs Programming for the Fourth Quarter of 2020 during which time the top issues of community interest and concern in Tampa, Florida and the surrounding area were found to be:

Health
Economy
Education
Community Relations
Environment

This report summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue. To meet these issues, WWRM-FM airs a series of public affairs programs on Sunday mornings as well as weekday news updates.

“Sunday Morning” airs Sunday mornings at 7:00 a.m. and “Radio Health Journal” airs Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

WWRM-FM also helps meet community issues through daily programming. As traffic and transportation are often major issues for residents of Tampa Bay, WWRM-FM airs traffic reports four times hourly on weekdays from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and twice hourly from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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Health

Sunday, October 4, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Jessica Hager and Dr. Jagdish Khubchandani

An estimated 35 million people were food insecure last year, and the dislocations due to COVID-19 have made it much worse now. Ms. Hager and Dr. Khubchandani discuss the health consequences of hunger, the strategies families are using to cope with economic dislocation, and one local effort typical of new volunteer programs to feed hungry children in need.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Glen Devries

Researchers see the new acceptance of telemedicine as an opportunity during clinical trials. Along with Zoom visits, numerous sensors on participants could provide constant monitoring of health conditions without traveling to see doctors, making control better.

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Sunday, October 11, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Natasha Pierre - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

As Americans continue to deal with the coronavirus pandemic we continue to deal with stress and mental issues. Ms. Pierre says the number of Floridians abusing alcohol/drugs continues to rise and law enforcement agencies across the state are reporting a rise in calls regarding domestic violence and shootings. More people have been reaching out to her agency and to the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay looking for help or just someone to talk to. She discusses how many families main trigger for stress continues to be family finances, lack of work due to the virus and kid education. Even the debate over wearing facial covering has caused people to have break downs. The recent racial demonstrations nationwide and the upcoming November election have added to the stress of many people. She shares simple ways to handle stressful situations, why it's okay to reach out for help, why people suffering from substance abuse should reach out for help, why people in recovery for substance abuse need to continue to attend meetings (online), and talk to counselors virtually. Social media has added to many people's stress as many Floridians have been overwhelmed with post/tweets regarding race relations and politics. It may be time to limit the time we

spend on social media and its okay to put social media friends on a "time out" if we feel their post/tweets are starting to damage our mental health and cause stress. Even watching the nightly news has added to stress levels. Help is available, and you never have to suffer alone or be ashamed of not coping with stress and mental issues. Many free services are available.

Sunday, October 11, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Kelly Moore, Dr. William Schaffner, and Dr. Marcus Plescia

A COVID-19 vaccine is on the horizon, but while billions have been spent on its development, little has been spent on distribution and there are still many unanswered questions. Dr. Moore, Dr. Schaffner, and Dr. Plescia discuss how vaccine distribution might be carried out, how long it's likely to take, and the steps needed to make it work.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Mark McLaughlin and Dr. Jeffrey Brown

A searing, stabbing pain on one side of the face can be so severe it's sometimes called "the suicide disease," and may evade diagnosis. Trigeminal Neuralgia is often caused by a throbbing artery in contact with nerves at the base of the brain. Treatment can be difficult though often ultimately successful. Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Brown discuss.

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Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Seema Verma - Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services (Medicare.gov)

*Note, this is a national/statewide issue, so we decided to run it on all stations.

Open enrollment is October 15th - December 7th. Now is the time for Florida seniors to enroll in Medicare and review their current Medicare plans. Ms. Verma talks about Medicare. First, the basics, what is open enrollment, who can participate, what do Medicare beneficiaries need to do during open enrollment. With COVID-19, how can people compare Medicare plans, when does open enrollment end and what happens if people miss the deadline. Ms. Verma explains how new things have been added to

Medicare coverage due to the corona virus. For instance, virtual doctor visits, home medical care, prescription services for home delivery and rides to doctors appts. or specialist are covered under Medicare 2021. This year, Medicare plans have historically low premiums - dropping an average of 34% over the last three years and some states up to 60%. Also, for people with Diabetes, many prescription drug plans will be participating in a new insulin savings program. This means participating plans will offer a 30-day supply of insulin for \$35.00 or less in 2021. She gives advice on how to shop for a Medicare plan that's right for everyone's situation and how to shop for a Medicare advantage plan that can offer even more savings to Florida seniors. Ms. Verma reminds seniors of the importance of getting a flu shot this year and the flu shot is covered under Medicare.

Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Diana Deutsch, Stephen Van Hedger, and Dr. Howard Nusbaum

The ability to "know" the musical pitch of any sound has traditionally been thought to be learnable only at a very early age through musical training. But new research shows perfect pitch is teachable to adults as well. Dr. Deutsch, Mr. Van Hedger and Dr. Nusbaum discuss the implications on all forms of learning.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Chip Jones

In the race to perform the first human-to-human heart transplant, ethical corners were sometimes cut. Investigative journalist, Chip Jones, explains how a Black man's heart was harvested without his family's consent for the first human heart transplant in the South, and how incidents such as this help to explain ongoing African American distrust of medicine.

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Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Howard Frumkin and Dr. Sam Myers

The new scientific field of planetary health seeks to analyze how humans are influencing the planet, which in turn rebounds to affect humans. The field encompasses more than environmental science and ecology, and helps to explain pandemics and other illnesses, mass migration, food consumption, and other public health factors. Dr. Frumkin and Dr. Myers explain.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Missouri McPhee

Grief can come from the loss of anything important to us—a loved one, a job, a home, a status in the community. Today many people are suffering from unresolved grief, since there are no rituals to ease these forms of grief and prohibitions against large gatherings such as funerals. Ms. McPhee discusses the many forms of grief and how we can get through them.

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Sunday, November 1, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Lauren Gaffney

Some nursing homes with many patients with dementia have found that farm animals on-site and even in rooms can be helpful in raising spirits and reducing the need for medications. Therapist and program director Lauren Gaffney discusses how llamas, chickens, goats and mini horses have found a home, to the benefit of residents.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Chris Hamby

Black lung disease among coal miners is often thought of as a relic of the past, thanks to environmental laws. The disease is completely preventable, but Mr. Hamby has still found plenty of it among today's miners. He discusses his findings and why it's still going on.

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Sunday, November 8, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Ari Tuckman and Dr. Russell Barkley

Someone who is always late for everything and never finishes any project on time is often labeled as irresponsible, lazy, or purposely insulting. But they may be suffering from a brain abnormality called time blindness that's often a part of ADHD, with often sad consequences. Dr. Tuckman and Dr. Barkley discuss.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: R. Ron Yeo, Kim Sawyer, and Dr. Clare Porac

Handedness is a central part of a person's identity. Left-handers are often seen as somehow different than the rest of us, and over history they've been stereotyped as more quirky, intelligent, and sinister than righties. Science shows that some labels are likely to be true. Experts R. Yeo, Ms. Sawyer and Dr. Porac discuss where handedness comes from, and what differences truly result.

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Sunday, November 15, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Kate Harkness, Dr. Jennifer Love, and Dr. Kjell Tore Hovik

2020 has produced an ongoing barrage of stressful events, and psychologists say the months of strain have started to show in both physical and mental breakdowns among increasing numbers of people. Dr. Harkness, Dr. Love and Dr. Hovik discuss the signs that a person is in trouble, and what they can do to get through these difficult times intact.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Sandi Curtis

Some people are finding relief from mental health issues through music therapy, a combination of psychotherapy and music-making. Music therapist Sandi Curtis describes what the practiced is and how it works.

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Sunday, November 22, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Beth Theilen and Dr. Shelly Miller

Getting together with family and friends over the holidays will be different this year due to COVID-19 precautions for families and governmental restrictions on restaurants and bars. The hospitality industry complains it's unfairly targeted, but data shows it's a COVID hotspot. Yet families in homes can repeat some of the same errors. Dr. Theilen and Dr. Miller discuss how to keep gatherings safe and the consequences if we don't.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Peter Taub

Since the beginning of the "baby on back" movement to reduce sudden infant death syndrome, many more infants are developing misshapen heads with a flat spot in one place. Dr. Taub discusses whether this is serious, how it can be treated with a helmet-like device, and how it might be prevented.

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Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Matthew Pittman – Nutritionist/Weight Loss Center

Many of us have packed on weight during the pandemic and now that we're in the holiday season many of us will be eating more things that are bad for us. Dr. Pittman talks about controlling our eating habits during the holidays. Dr. Pittman tells us many people have gained a lot of weight during the coronavirus pandemic due to stress eating or bored eating. Our brain reacts to "comfort" food during a stressful situation and most of that "comfort" food we desire is most likely unhealthy. We are facing a double hit right now due to stress with the virus and the added stress of the holiday season. Dr. Pittman talks about how to choose the right foods to snack on when we're stressed out, how to watch our portion size and why it's okay to enjoy the "good stuff" during our holiday meal and still maintain a healthy diet. Many people increased their alcohol intake during the pandemic and often alcohol use increases during the holidays. Since most people won't have holiday parties at work or outside the home there is a danger of more people drinking at home. Alcohol turns into sugar in the body and you're just ingesting empty calories. Dr. Pittman says it's okay to treat yourself to a cup of eggnog just don't drink the whole jug/punchbowl.

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Nina Porter, Dr. Jack Turman, and Dr. Pamela Lattimore

Women are the fastest-growing prison population, but when they're released, they face far more barriers to successful reintegration into society than men, especially if they have children. Dr. Turman, Dr. Lattimore and Ms. Porter are running a new program for moms in prison. They discuss barriers and ways to overcome them.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Jennet Conant

Chemotherapy has saved millions of lives, but its origins date to the chemical warfare agent mustard gas. A secret shipment of the gas was released in Italy after the bombing of a US ship in World War II. Ms. Conant details how doctors turned death and tragedy to the lifesaver we know today.

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Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Sharon Graham - Regional Director with Medicare, [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)

Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7th/tomorrow. People with Medicare have until that day to make changes to their health or prescription drug plans or select a new plan for 2021. Ms. Graham talks about the changes with Medicare for 2021. First, she tells us this year Medicare plans have historically low plan premiums dropping an average of 34% over the last three years. Also, most drug plans include new pricing for insulin. Participating plans will offer a 30-day supply of insulin for \$35.00 or less in 2021. Ms. Graham explains how to compare Medicare advantage plans and how Floridians can save money by comparing plans. Florida seniors have 527 different Medicare advantage plans to choose from. Also discussed, is why people who are planning on retiring in 2021 need to start looking at Medicare plans, what is the penalty for people who fail to sign up for Medicare and what happens if you miss tomorrow's deadline.

Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Corey Widen and Rachel Ruttenberg

Just about anyone can report a parent to a child abuse hotline. It's meant to protect children, but often, parents are reported when no abuse or neglect exists in order to retaliate for a divorce or some other grievance. Some parents are reported for merely letting children play outside or walk to school without an adult in attendance, what was once thought of as normal. Some activists say this robs children of independence. An expert and a woman who went through an unjustified child abuse investigation discuss.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Benjamin Segal

Unlike most cells in the human body, the central nervous system cannot repair itself. People who suffer brain or spinal cord injuries, or neurological disorders such as MS and ALS have few alternatives. Dr. Segal describes how he has discovered previously unknown nerve growth factors that could someday allow such injuries and diseases to heal.

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Sunday, December 12, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. William Schaffner

New COVID-19 vaccines won't be available for most people until spring, and the months until then may have a staggering cost in lives and illness. A noted infectious disease expert discusses probable timelines and events between now and the vaccine's availability, and how adherence to social distancing and masking could change outcomes.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Tyler Cymet

Hiccups are annoying and uncomfortable, and doctors don't know why we (and most other species) get them. Dr. Cymet explains what we know about what hiccups are and why most home remedies actually work.

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Sunday, December 20, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

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Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Jeremy Snyder, Dr. Art Caplan, and Dr. Nora Kentworthy

Medical campaigns account for a third of monies raised on crowdfunding sites like GoFundMe, and many people who've fallen through the holes of the safety net have been helped this way. But studies show that fraud is rampant in crowdfunding, with fake patients and medical providers who are all too eager to take money for worthless treatment. Dr. Snyder, Dr. Caplan and Dr. Kentworthy discuss these issues and the need for regulation.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guests: Dr. Parker Huston and Dr. Carlin Barnes

This holiday season will be unlike any we've ever had before, with "loss" as a major theme—loss of little things such as routines as well as big ones. Dr. Huston and Dr. Barnes weigh in on how families can navigate this season while keeping it festive.

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Sunday, December 27, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Ken Redcross – Epidemiologist

Not only are we still in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic we are also facing cold and flu season. Dr. Redcross talks about how tough this cold and flu season will be on the general public and the medical community. Mr. Slater and Dr. Redcross discuss the continued rising numbers of COVID-19 cases and how the medical community expects a huge surge in positive cases after people get home from Christmas related travel and gatherings, how to tell the difference between a cold or flu and COVID-19, why it's not too late and important for everyone to get their flu vaccine and how the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 will work in the body to fight off a possible infection and when is the time you need to see your doctor. Dr. Redcross gives some tips on how to avoid the cold/flu during the pandemic. We are already in the habit of washing our hands, covering our face and social distancing and this may actually help reduce the number of people who get the cold/flu this year. He stresses we need to continue will all CDC guidelines. Also,

we need to get plenty of sleep, get outside and get some sun (vitamin d), keep our body hydrated, lessen screen time and exercise.

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – Radio Health Journal 7:30 am

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Richard Frank and Dr. Somashekar Krishna

Pancreatic cancer is increasing, and soon to be the second leading cancer killer, since it is rarely detected in early stages. Dr. Frank and Dr. Krishna discuss pancreatic cancer and its symptoms, as well as their research into methods to find the disease in earlier stages.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Michael Stein

Millions of Americans are in financial straits due to COVID layoffs and furloughs. Dr. Stein describes how he gets patients to talk about why they're in trouble and what they do about it to create an eye-opening portrait.

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Economy

Sunday, October 4, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Tim Burke – Education Savings Specialist with Edward Jones

According to a nationwide survey of parents 80% of parents/students currently saving for an in-person, four-year college or university cited concerns that the quality of education may suffer if universities continue with virtual learning during the coronavirus pandemic. Many parents feel they shouldn't have to pay full price for the child's continued education because they feel their child will not get the full college experience through virtual learning, no real time in person classes, loss of sports teams, clubs and on-campus housing. Most colleges/universities nationwide are their cost for tuition and student services. Parents and students now feel they don't need to save as much for continued education or they may even feel like looking at other affordable options than going to a college/university. Should parents continue to save for their kid's education, apply for student loans or scholarships? The answer is yes according to many college savings financial planners. Mr. Burke is the education specialist with Edward Jones. He and Mr. Slater talk about the nationwide trend of not saving enough

for education. First, he said it is important to keep saving for your kids' education because this situation is not permanent. With a vaccine for the virus hopefully coming by the end of the year many schools may be "back in business" by spring of 2021. While many Americans are financially strapped right now it's still possible to set money aside for continued education. Ms. Burke gives some resources that are available to increase parents and student's financial literacy and the various saving tools available. He also reminds parents it's still important for parents to explore the government sponsored, tax deferred, "529" savings plan and kids still should apply for scholarships and loans available through the government and financial institutions. It's completely understandable that a parent or student may want to take a year to wait and see what's going to happen with the vaccine. During that year off it's an opportunity to save money once the family decides the time is right to go back to school. It may be a good idea to shop for a lower cost school, community college, trade school or even a two-year program.

Sunday, November 22, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Jason Gaughan - Consumer Spending Advisor with Bank of America

The holidays are coming up and most Americans will be shopping online. According to a nationwide survey, 45% of Americans say they overspent on holiday gifts last year. Mr. Gaughan shares some tips on how to cut back on our Christmas shopping. This year is going to be tough on consumers since most people will be shopping online and that's where we tend to make some purchases we maybe shouldn't have made. There's psychology to shopping. For instance, when you're shopping in the store you often have a chance to put the merchandise back on the shelf or change your mind. With online shopping we tend to "buy it when we see it" and most online sales are only good for a limited time and we feel like we must buy now to save. He shares some rules to follow when Christmas shopping this year. Some of the tips are create a budget and set a spending limit. Be strategic when shopping online, safely bring everyone into the shopping fun and make it a family event since most families won't be going to the mall this year. He gives tips on how to make the most of our spending by looking for reward points/coupons offered online and using a credit card that offers the most cash back for your purchases.

Sunday, December 13, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Sarah Schiff - Better Business Bureau (BBB) Integrity Expert for Facebook.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and Facebook have joined forces to launch the "Shop Safe, Shop Smart" campaign for many of us who are shopping online this holiday season. Ms. Schiff talks about the campaign and how to shop safe and smart online. Many social media users often see ads on their timelines and Facebook has a team working to make sure the ads you're seeing are real and not a scam. While the Facebook team is doing a good job to filter out fake ads or links some may slip through the cracks. She explains how we can spot a fake ad or a bad link on social media. She gives some tips on what to look for when we click on a link to make sure we haven't been redirected to a fake website. She also gives other tips to see if we could actually save money by dealing directly with the manufacturers website/app rather than using a second source seller. Tips regarding why you need to use caution when buying from Amazon as sometimes you're dealing with a second party seller, why we should always read customer reviews on social media/online and see how and if the company responds to a complaint. Social media can be used to safely support local small businesses this holiday season. We should always use secure and traceable transactions and payment methods. Also, making sure the company offers a shipping date that will make sure gifts get delivered on time. Many online sellers may show an "estimated" delivery time that may not be clear to the buyer. Consumers must report any scam or unsatisfactory purchases to the BBB.

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Jamie McWade with First Night St. Pete

After 28 years, First Night St. Pete will be a three-hour virtual event this year due to the coronavirus. Normally, the alcohol-free event would include art, concerts, two fireworks shows and more. This year the event is still on however, it will be a virtual event. Ms. Wade talks about the event and how it benefits the arts community in Tampa Bay. She tells us the history of first night and how it's grown over the last ten-years. First night not only draws a huge local crowd, but many people come from out of state to attend the event and many snowbirds have made it a tradition. The event will take place this year, the artist who will be participating, musical acts who will still help us ring in the new year, how the annual kids events will continue and even the annual resolution bonfire will still take place. All the virtual events will be interactive. The annual event helps local arts programs/artist but also brings a lot of money to the businesses downtown. Ms. McWade talks about where money raised through this year's virtual event will go. Our listeners can still support first night by purchasing their buttons at FirstNightStPete.com

Education

Sunday, October 25, 2020 - Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Richard Montez - Director of Member Services with the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Studies have shown, and many Hispanic high school students often don't look to continued education. Some Hispanic students only attend the first year of college and don't return and many feel they can't succeed in college or even running a business. Why is this a nationwide trend and a problem? Mr. Montez talks about the issue and what his organization is doing to help solve the problem. Many Hispanic students don't feel "good enough" or think they don't qualify to move on to higher education. Family finances are another reason why his Hispanic students often do not continue their education. Mr. Montez shares his story of being a first-generation high school and college graduate and how H.A.C.U. is focused heavily on education and its impacts on breaking cycles that can lead to poverty and challenges in educational attainment for underserved communities. He explains the mentorships available to Hispanic college students from Hispanic business leaders on a national and state level, why more businesses are looking for Hispanic interns and how H.A.C.U. is offering up-and-coming Latino professionals leadership tools, counsel and opportunity to network. One positive thing about Hispanic college graduates is they tend to stay local often starting a business in their old neighborhood and creating jobs and building the economy locally. He also gives a brief list of major companies nationwide that are run by Hispanic men and women. It's important for Hispanic students to hear their stories and they should know they can succeed. The program has a chapter in the Tampa area Hillsborough Community College. The organization had plans to open chapters at USF and the University of Tampa this year but had to put those plans on hold due to the coronavirus. Students at both schools should look for news of a chapter coming in 2021.

Sunday, November 1, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Lacey Allen - Associate Director of Scholarships Strategy at the College Board

Now is the time for next year's high school senior class to start thinking about applying for scholarships and once again the college board joins us to talk about applying for scholarships and a chance to get an easy scholarship through the college board. Ms. Allen talks about the scholarship process and what students need to do now to prepare. Even with the COVID-19 pandemic students need to be prepared to apply for scholarships as the senior class of 2021 most likely return to brick and mortar colleges

and universities. Discussed are the basics of applying for a scholarship, what scholarships are offered by the federal government and how to apply for those, how to navigate the application forms and tips on writing the required essay for most scholarships. The college board has over one-million-dollars through their program that doesn't require a required high GPA, essay or long application. Simply complete some easy steps. For each step taken, a student can get a one-thousand-dollar scholarship. 25 students nationwide will be awarded a forty-thousand-dollar scholarship through the college board. She discusses how and why students should complete the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid through government programs.

Community Relations

Sunday, November 8, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Steve Preston – President of Goodwill

As Americans take to time honor veterans this Wednesday with Veteran's Day, we have many of our veterans who are having trouble making the transition to civilian life and finding a job. It's especially hard finding a job right now during the coronavirus pandemic. Since 1947 Goodwill has been providing help through their "Goodwill Good Jobs" program. Mr. Steve Preston talks about the program and why it's so hard for many of our veterans to find a job. He discusses what the goal of the operation is, how the program is unique, how Goodwill offers free training and job placement services to our veterans, and how Goodwill offers financial assistance to our veterans who are currently looking for work. He also discusses how many veterans have job skills that should easily find them a job in the medical field or even driving a truck. Most of the jobs they're trained for often requires further education, testing, and licensing. For instance, a veteran may know how to drive trucks/big rigs during their time in the service, but to find a job driving a truck in the private sector requires special schooling and a CDL license. Goodwill helps getting the training and licenses they need to get a job. Goodwill also help our vets take advantage of the G.I. Bill that often pays for continued education. He explains why it's harder for our women veterans to find work and the benefits of hiring a veteran. Any veteran in need looking for a job, training, housing or financial assistance should reach out to Goodwill for free help.

Environment

Sunday, November 15, 2020 – Sunday Morning 7:00 am

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Jeremy Waters - Sustainability Ambassador with Republic Services

Last April when the state of Florida started shutting down area businesses due to COVID-19 and more people were ordering food (take out) and items from the store, Mr. Waters discussed how we can be better stewards of the planet and make sure we're recycling the right items and how to be an educated recycler. How are we doing? Mr. Waters gives an update on how Floridians are doing when it comes to recycling. More Floridians are doing a better job when it comes to recycling the proper items and there is a trend that more consumers are looking for eco-friendly packages and products. While more of us are recycling, a lot of us are still doing it wrong and putting items in the recycle bin that can't be recycled. When recycling plastic items and containers, look at the "recycle triangle" normally found on the bottom of the container. Look for the number inside the triangle. Numbers 1,2,3 and 5 are the items we should recycle. Rinse out any food containers that are planned to be recycled and any cardboard items with food/grease stains. For example, the bottom of a pizza box cannot be recycled. A good reminder of what can and cannot be recycled is to go to 'recyclingsimplified.com' for an easy guide. When shopping instore it's always a good idea to ask ourselves "how can I reuse the container?" Also discussed is why we should never throw plastic grocery bags in the recycle bin and why we should take them to the special recycle bin at the store. Also, with the Christmas holidays coming up and more of us will be shopping online, Mr. Waters reminds that all the cardboard boxes and some containers can be recycled. Never put electronic items in the recycle bin as the lithium batteries can explode and cause a fire at the recycling plant. Most Florida counties have a special recycle program for electronics.