

In St. Louis (as well as elsewhere), Stan Musial ranks as one of America's greatest heroes. His Cardinals Baseball prowess accounts for a lot of the esteem, but his overall good will and generous nature add much to his awesome reputation as well. Musial loves kids--and has gone to bat for them--both literally and figuratively, throughout his career and afterwards as a patron of children's charities.

Dillon International is pleased to announce the acquisition of a special auction item, capturing "Stan the Man" at the height of his baseball career. The item--a 11 x 17 framed photographic print shot by Former St. Louis Globe-Democrat Chief Photographer Bob Briggs at Cardinals spring training in 1960--is a one-of-a-kind collectible, due to the limited release of the print and the inclusion of Musial's autograph. The photograph was discovered not long ago by Briggs' daughter, Linda Briggs-Harty (a Dillon Adoptive parent). When seeing the print in person shortly after its discovery, Musial expressed pleasure over the "at bat" shot, one of just a few to capture up close his passion for the sport. Musial's business manager agreed it was one of the best Musial photographs ever. Interestingly, the photograph was taken 50 years ago by a future hall of famer of another future hall of famer. Mr. Briggs was inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in 2005. Mr. Musial, of course, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969.

Most wonderful of all is that Stan Musial currently has a likely chance to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor. The Cardinals are working avidly to promote this cause in its "Stand for Stan" campaign, started several months ago. On the night of Dillon's Trivia Night/Auction, Oct. 2, the Cardinals will have a "Stand for Stan" night at the ball park.

Support Stan Musial, the Cardinals and Dillon International by bidding on this classic collectible, the "Stan at Bat" framed print. Note: Reproduction of this copyrighted photograph is not allowable.