

Landon Bergner is Dartmouth grad

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□ Landon Thomas Bergner was among 980 students who graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. on June 14. He received a Bachelor of Arts in classical studies. He is a 2005 graduate from HHS and the son of Ohlee and Gloria Bergner of Holyoke.

□ Commencement week began with the final performance for the Dartmouth Dance Team, where Landon was a guest dancer with his friend Chrissy Donnelly in several numbers. Landon became involved with the group as a volunteer dance instructor of elementary children for the last year, and was invited to join them in their final performance.

□ A highlight of the weekend was a presentation at the Hood Museum of Arts where Landon and eight other students were honored for their exhibit titled “From Art to Artifact: Making Sense of Roman Coins.” The students were granted permission to research and curate a 3,000-year-old coin collection owned by Dartmouth College, and display it in what was originally to be a temporary exhibit for two months.

□ After seeing the “incredible work the students had done drawing convincing conclusions and documenting their analysis of each coin,” the Hood Museum granted them permanent display status. The director of the Hood stated he had “never before witnessed such remarkably thorough work from undergraduates... to produce an exhibit of this caliber took tremendous knowledge and time—the likes of which most graduate students could never produce.”

□ The students also unveiled the 155-page book by the same title, authored entirely by the students. Bergner researched two of the 13 coins exhibited, and wrote the chapter on “Coin Production in Antiquity.” A wine reception followed the presentation, where their website containing the images and data to support the exhibit was explained by the students.

□ The Bergners also enjoyed supper and an evening of pong hosted for families by Landon and his fraternity brothers to celebrate their commencement. Landon left New Hampshire on graduation afternoon for his new home in Chicago, Ill. where he is now teaching summer school with the Inner City Teaching Program, and has begun Graduate School at Northwestern University.