Lynn Kilchenstein, President
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Originally from Wilmington, Delaware, President Kilchenstein earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in English, from Bridgewater College in Virginia and the University of Texas at El Paso, and is currently on hiatus as a Ph.D. student in Literature at UNH Durham.

She began her career teaching writing and literature at the University of Texas, then at Delaware Technical and Community College, and at Wor-Wic Community College in Maryland, where she also served as a division chair before coming to NHTI as an English professor 26 years ago. At NHTI, she has served as the English Department Head, Faculty Forum President, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, where she helped develop the Academic Success Council, the Professional Development Team, and the Teaching and Learning Team.

In 2004, President Kilchenstein was named the President of the New Hampshire Technical Institute, locally known as “The Tech.” The College, under her leadership, has undergone numerous changes, including moving to the name “NHTI, Concord’s Community College” in 2007. The Student population has grown to more than 4,000 students in credit courses each semester, and the facility has added the Student Center, has doubled the size of the Dental Clinic, has built additions to the dining hall and café, has raised funds to build the LEED silver-certified Beverly D. Grappone Hall, and has totally renovated MacRury Hall to add state-of-the-art biology, Imaging, and Paramedic labs.

As President, Lynn Kilchenstein also led the College through a successful NEAS&C Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) reaccreditation. With an environment of encouragement and innovation, NHTI has continued to maintain excellence with solid, rigorous programs in engineering technologies and heath, while expanding new liberal arts offerings, such as Visual Arts, with hybrid engineering programs such as Animation and Graphic Game Programming, and with innovative teacher education conversion programs for post-baccalaureate adults.

Kilchenstein served for eight years on the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was a founding member of the Red River Theatres Board, was a founding member and original Co-Chair of the Somewhat North of Boston Film Festival (SNOB), and served on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Commission on Academic, Student, and Community Development. She currently serves on the Governor’s Advanced Manufacturing and Education Advisory Council, Capitol Center for Arts Board, on the Creative Concord Committee, and on the Concord Housing Commission. In 2011, she received the Pinnacle Award for Business Leader of the Year from the Greater Concord Area Chamber of Commerce.