

Susan C. Aldridge, Ph.D.

[Dr. Susan C. Aldridge](#), a highly accomplished national and international leader in adult and distance education, recently joined the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC as a Senior Fellow. Her research, writing and national speaking engagements are in the areas of technology-mediated models of education, creating sustainable university growth strategies, student access to education and retention, and serving adult students including military members and veterans.

Prior to joining AASCU, Dr. Aldridge successfully served for 6 years as President of the University of Maryland University College. Dr. Aldridge led the largest state university in the US, including divisions in the US, Europe and Asia; with 170 face-to-face teaching locations and one of the largest distance education programs, serving 94,000 students in 27 countries. Dr. Aldridge successfully completed a \$26 million capital campaign, the largest in the university's history.

Dr. Aldridge is an international academic leader in many areas: creating access to higher education, educating adult students, increasing accountability in higher education, designing support services to increase student retention, data analytics, course redesign initiatives, establishing student learning outcomes, utilization of technology in higher education, and initiatives to support the national higher education achievement goals. During her Presidency, Dr. Aldridge was a relentless champion, generating millions of dollars in scholarship donations, supporting students who were returning to school to complete their degrees. She executed agreements with over 90 community colleges to facilitate seamless student transfer from two year to four year degrees.

Dr. Aldridge led a global turnaround of UMUC after taking over a university in crisis. During Dr. Aldridge's tenure as President, UMUC received dozens of national and international awards and recognition for academic excellence in teaching, counseling, mentoring, research, distance learning innovation, and course design. Prior to her tenure at UMUC, Dr. Aldridge served as Vice Chancellor at Troy University in Alabama, overseeing its vast Global Campus and its eCampus.

Dr. Aldridge has been widely recognized nationally and internationally for her outstanding service to and numerous accomplishments in higher education, business and government. Dr. Aldridge is an international and national keynote speaker; she is an advisor to college and university presidents; she has served on dozens of boards and commissions; she has authored scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and conference papers in adult education; technology-mediated learning; the emerging global university; global access to higher education; and utilization of technology to increase access to education. She has received numerous national academic and civic awards. Dr. Aldridge received her Master's and Doctorate degrees from the University of Colorado and Bachelor's Degree from Colorado Women's College.

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