

AMBASSADOR L. BRUCE LAINGEN

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Born and raised in Minnesota	
St. Olaf College, University of Minnesota	
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