

Dominic Di Leonardo

Lighting / Look Dev Artist

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Visual Effects artist focused on lighting & look development for cinematic environments. Comfortable in both real-time and stylized workflows, with experience building materials, shaping mood, and iterating on shots to support storytelling.

EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) — Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Visual Effects
Savannah, GA | Sep 2022 – May 2026 | *Magna Cum Laude*

PROJECTS

Kohler LED | XR Film Tech Artist – Unreal Virtual Production (SCADpro)

Savannah, GA | Dates: Sep 2025 – Nov 2025

- Supported LED volume content development in Unreal Engine 5: scene organization, lookdev iteration, and lighting adjustments for real-time playback.
- Optimized materials and settings for performance/consistency and collaborated with a cross-disciplinary team to deliver the final client presentation.

Heart-Struck | Senior Thesis Film Director - Unreal Engine (Psychological Horror)

Jul 2025 – May 2026

- Developing a multi-chapter narrative thesis in Unreal Engine: blocking environments, staging key story beats, and building cohesive cinematic lighting.
- Authoring materials/textures for imported assets and coordinating voiceover/sound handoff to support final edit and presentations.

Lighting Bot | Lighting Mentorship

Aug 3 - Present

- Worked with Amit Patpatia
- Managed lighting/texturing multiple Real-Time environments both in cinematic and game-play lighting studies in Unreal Engine 5.

SKILLS

Real-Time: Unreal Engine 5 (Sequencer, Lumen), Blueprinting, real-time lookdev

VFX: Houdini, Maya, Nuke, After Effects, Substance Painter, Adobe Creative Suite

Strengths: Lighting, material/lookdev, reference matching, shot iteration, collaboration

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SCAD SERVE Savannah, GA | 2022 – 2023

- Supported packaging and distribution of supplies for local shelters.

Saint Paul's Richmond, VA | 2018 – 2022

- Organized charity drives (500+ donations) and coordinated collection/drop-off logistics.

ACHIEVEMENTS

SCAD Dean's List | 2022 - 2025

SCADamp Certificate | 2024

SCADForward Certificate | 2023

Distinguished Honors | 2019 - 2022
